**TO:** All Nemaha County Hospital Team Members

**FROM:** Marty Fattig

**DATE:** April 22, 2020

**RE:** Daily COVID-19 Update

Good morning and thanks for reading this update. The number of cases in Nebraska continues to rise but the rate of increase is declining. Monday there were 185 new cases confirmed. Yesterday there were 76 cases confirmed. Two points do not determine a trend but I am optimistic. Please continue to practice social distancing to keep the new cases in the state declining. The model developed by the University of Washington shows that cases in Nebraska will peak around May 9th.

The governors of Nebraska and Iowa both announced yesterday that they have partnered with a group of companies from Utah to monitor what is happening with the Coronavirus in their states and to dramatically increase the testing capacity of each state. In Nebraska you are encouraged to go to the HIPAA compliant website, testnebraska.com, and enter the requested information. This is so that the state can monitor whether people need to be tested and if the virus is spreading.

As of 9:00 this morning there were 2,585,468 cases in the world. Yesterday there were 2,499,723 cases. There have been 178,845 deaths. Yesterday there had been 171,718 deaths.

In the United States there are now 825,306 positive cases, 45,075 deaths and 4,163,464 people that have been tested. Yesterday there were 788,110 cases, 42,364 deaths and 4,026,572 people that had been tested. 258,589 of the US cases are in New York. Yesterday there were 253,311 cases there.

In Nebraska there are now 1,722 cases and 33 deaths. Yesterday there had been 1,648 positive cases and 33 deaths. 16,679 people have been tested in the state. Yesterday 16,372 people had been tested. The deaths have occurred in Douglas, Hall, Buffalo, Madison, Custer, Gage, Lancaster and Lincoln counties with several deaths still unassigned to a county. We have had one confirmed case in Nemaha County, two in Johnson County and one in Otoe County with no community spread. 298 of the Nebraska cases are in Douglas County. There has now been 558 confirmed cases in Hall County, which is the Grand Island area and 101 cases in Adams County, which is the Hastings area. There are more cases in Hall County than in Douglas County with much less population. There are also 176 cases in Dawson County. Pray for our friends working in hospitals in these areas!

Once again, I want to remind you that the most important thing that you can to do help stop the spread of COVID-19 and protect your family and co-workers is to stay home when not at work and wash your hands. Remember our travel restrictions and practice social distancing in all situations. Wear a cloth mask when you must be out in public.

Thanks for all you do every day!