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

**FROM:** Marty Fattig

**DATE:** April 23, 2020

**RE:** Daily COVID-19 Update

Good morning and thanks for reading this update. As the capacity for testing in the state increases, we are bound to see an increase in the number of positive cases. I don’t think that is cause for alarm. I think that those cases were here already, we are just testing more people so more positive cases are confirmed. The model developed by the University of Washington shows that cases in Nebraska will peak around May 9th.

I think that it is important to note that we have been aggressive in applying for the funds that the federal government has been allocating for use by hospitals. With our low volumes, it is our hope that receiving these funds will allow us to continue operating without dipping into our reserves for a longer period of time.

As of 9:00 this morning there were 2,649,680 cases in the world. Yesterday there were 2,585,468 cases. There have been 184,643 deaths. Yesterday there had been 178,845 deaths.

In the United States there are now 842,624 positive cases, 46,785 deaths and 4,482,434 people that have been tested. Yesterday there were 825,306 cases, 45,075 deaths and 4,163,464 people that had been tested. 263,754 of the US cases are in New York. Yesterday there were 258,589 cases there.

In Nebraska there are now 1,813 cases and 38 deaths. Yesterday there had been 1,722 positive cases and 33 deaths. 17,360 people have been tested in the state. Yesterday 16,679 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. 310 of the Nebraska cases are in Douglas County. There has now been 588 confirmed cases in Hall County, which is the Grand Island area and 103 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 197 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!