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

**FROM:** Marty Fattig

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**RE:** Daily COVID-19 Update

Good morning and thanks for reading this update. As I look at the COVID-19 data this morning I notice that there are more cases in the United States than there are in Spain, Italy, France, Germany and the U.K. combined! I find this interesting.

As states start to relax their restrictions on social distancing I am concerned that there may be an increase in the cases around the nation. Nebraska is talking about starting to relax restrictions next week. The governor has said that hospitals can also start performing elective surgeries starting May 4th. We are going to be carefully evaluating the situation in our area and make a decision on when to start performing elective surgeries and having outpatient specialty clinics when it makes sense to do so. I imagine that decision will be made later today. The model developed by the University of Washington shows that cases in Nebraska will peak around May 12th.

There was National Guard test collection done in Tecumseh on Friday. They tested 67 people and two of those tested positive. The press release from the Southeast District Health Department states that those people are self-isolating and that they are investigating their contacts.

As of 9:00 this morning there were 2,989,090 cases in the world. Yesterday there were 2,915,368 cases. There have been 207,431 deaths. Yesterday there had been 203,534 deaths.

In the United States there are now 965,933 positive cases, 54,877 deaths and 5,441,079 people that have been tested. Yesterday there were 939,249 cases, 53,934 deaths and 5,184,635 people that had been tested. 288,045 of the US cases are in New York. Yesterday there were 282,143 cases there. There are more cases in New York than in the country of Spain.

In Nebraska there are now 3,028 cases and 56 deaths. Yesterday there had been 2,722 positive cases and 50 deaths. That makes 306 new confirmed cases identified since yesterday. 21,288 people have been tested in the state. Yesterday 19,973 people had been tested. The deaths have occurred in Douglas, Hall, Buffalo, Madison, Custer, Gage, Lancaster, Hamilton, Seward, Washington and Lincoln counties with several deaths still unassigned to a county. We have had one confirmed case in Nemaha County, four in Johnson County and one in Otoe County with no community spread. 419 of the Nebraska cases are in Douglas County. There has now been 876 confirmed cases in Hall County, which is the Grand Island area and 129 cases in Adams County, which is the Hastings area. There are also 367 cases in Dawson County and 403 cases in Dakota County, which in the far northeast corner of the state. 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!