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

**FROM:** Marty Fattig

**DATE:** April 28, 2020

**RE:** Daily COVID-19 Update

Good morning and thanks for reading this update. As Nebraska starts to relax some of the restrictions on social distancing, I think we still need to be very cautions. The model developed by the University of Washington shows that cases in Nebraska will peak around May 12th. The graph of cases in the state shows that they are still increasing at a rapid rate and show no signs of leveling off. For these reasons, we believe that it is best that we still maintain the travel restrictions that have been in place. Don’t travel out of state unless you live in another state. Don’t go to Lincoln and Omaha unless you need to seek healthcare and then just visit the doctor then come home. Don’t travel to one of the state’s hotspots, such as Grand Island, Lexington or South Sioux City

We are developing a plan to start doing elective surgeries and outpatient clinics next Monday. We are working with the Infection Prevention committee and plan to have a process in place later today. We will not be lifting any of the precautions that are currently in place. All patients entering the facility will be screened. We will continue to wear masks and place masks on all patients. Until things change, we believe that caution is still very important.

As of 9:00 this morning there were 3,060,152 cases in the world. Yesterday there were 2,989,090 cases. There have been 212,083 deaths. Yesterday there had been 207,431 deaths.

In the United States there are now 988,469 positive cases, 56,256 deaths and 5,593.495 people that have been tested. Yesterday there were 965,933 cases, 54,877 deaths and 5,441,079 people that had been tested. 291,996 of the US cases are in New York. Yesterday there were 288,045 cases there.

In Nebraska there are now 3,358 cases and 56 deaths. Yesterday there had been 3,028 positive cases and 56 deaths. That makes 330 new confirmed cases identified since yesterday. 22,363 people have been tested in the state. Yesterday 21,288 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. 476 of the Nebraska cases are in Douglas County. There has now been 908 confirmed cases in Hall County, which is the Grand Island area and 141 cases in Adams County, which is the Hastings area. There are also 409 cases in Dawson County and 459 cases in Dakota County, which in the far northeast corner of the state. There have been 297 people tested in the local public health district with six positive cases. 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!