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

**FROM:** Marty Fattig

**DATE:** Mar 1, 2020

**RE:** Daily COVID-19 Update

Good morning and thanks for reading this update. Susie VonBergen was reviewing some email this morning and discovered that of all the states where COVID hotspots are occurring, the percent of increase in cases over the last seven days is higher in Nebraska than in any other state. This is caused by the high rate of spread in our meat packing facilities across the state. Please stay away from these hotspots in our state and avoid contact with people from these areas.

Yesterday we learned that four more people in the Southeast District Health Department area had been tested for COVID. We also learned that all of these tests came back negative.

As we begin to open our facility up to outpatient specialty clinics and elective surgeries I am hoping that the volume of patients seeking those services will remain low as we begin this process. This will make it much easier for our staff to deal with the new policies taking effect next week. Please know that we are much more interested in safety than speed during this time.

As of 9:00 this morning there were 3,276,373 cases in the world. Yesterday there were 3,218.403 cases. There have been 233,998 deaths. Yesterday there had been 228,625 deaths.

In the United States there are now 1,070,032 positive cases, 63,019 deaths and 6,231,182 people that have been tested. Yesterday there were 1,040,608 cases, 61,005 deaths and 6,026,170 people that had been tested. 304,372 of the US cases are in New York. Yesterday there were 299,691 cases there.

In Nebraska there are now 4,281 cases and 70 deaths. Yesterday there had been 3,851 positive cases and 56 deaths. That makes 430 new confirmed cases identified since yesterday. 25,321 people have been tested in the state. Yesterday 23,631 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. 656 of the Nebraska cases are in Douglas County. There has now been 1025 confirmed cases in Hall County, which is the Grand Island area and 164 cases in Adams County, which is the Hastings area. There are also 456 cases in Dawson County and 656 cases in Dakota County, which in the far northeast corner of the state. There have been 301 people tested in the local public health district with six positive cases. Pray for our friends working in hospitals in these hotspots! Again, my data source is displaying numbers that do not make any sense to me. The website was undergoing maintenance this morning so things might look different tomorrow.

Thanks for all you do every day! I hope you can enjoy your weekend!