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

**FROM:** Marty Fattig

**DATE:** May 6, 2020

**RE:** Daily COVID-19 Update

Good morning and thanks for reading this update. If you look at the cases of COVID-19 disease in Nebraska I find one thing very interesting. Even as the number of cases in the state continues to rise at an alarming rate, the number of deaths from the disease remains relatively flat. The only things I can think of that might cause this are that most of the new cases are in packing plants, which employ a relatively young population, and that our nursing homes are doing a very good job of keeping the disease out of their facilities. I have nothing to prove these ideas, they are just my thoughts.

As businesses continue to open up I ask that you use caution when you are out in public. We are all getting “quarantine fatigue” but we still need to take the proper precautions to keep ourselves and our families safe. A mask might be a pain but think about your elderly grandmother or neighbor that needs to shop in the grocery store. Wear your mask to protect them.

As of 9:00 this morning there were 3,688,635 cases in the world. Yesterday there were 3,603,217 cases. There have been 258,085 deaths. Yesterday there had been 252,102 deaths.

In the United States there are now 1,204,475 positive cases, 71,078 deaths and 7,544,328 people that have been tested. Yesterday there were 1,180,634 cases, 68,934 deaths and 7,285,178 people that had been tested. 321,192 of the US cases are in New York. Yesterday there were 318,953 cases there.

In Nebraska there are now 6,371 cases and there have been 78 deaths. Yesterday there had been 6,037 positive cases and 78 deaths. That makes 334 new confirmed cases identified since yesterday. 34,609 people have been tested in the state. Yesterday 33,754 people had been tested. We have had one confirmed case in Nemaha County, four in Johnson County and two in Otoe County with no community spread. 1,049 of the Nebraska cases are in Douglas County. There has now been 1,284 confirmed cases in Hall County, which is the Grand Island area and 204 cases in Adams County, which is the Hastings area. There are also 617 cases in Dawson County and 980 cases in Dakota County, which has not changed in three days. The only thing that could explain this would be that they are not doing testing in this area right now. There are now 441 cases in Lancaster County, up from 390 cases yesterday. There have been 317 people tested in the local public health district with seven positive cases.

Thanks for all you do every day!