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

**FROM:** Marty Fattig

**DATE:** May 7, 2020

**RE:** Daily COVID-19 Update

Good morning and thanks for reading this update. With the increase in the number of testing sites in the state, I anticipate that the number of confirmed cases in the state will also go up. It only seems logical since many people can test positive when they have no symptoms. So, as we test more people, we will find more positives. This is not cause for alarm. It is merely a result of the change in testing requirements.

We may also discover that we have additional cases in the Southeast District Heath Department area. The National Guard is conducting testing again in Tecumseh and they plan to collect tests from 300 people. Again, more positive cases shouldn’t be cause for alarm.

As of 9:00 this morning there were 3,778,179 cases in the world. Yesterday there were 3,688,635 cases. There have been 264,437 deaths. Yesterday there had been 258,085 deaths.

In the United States there are now 1,229,089 positive cases, 73,435 deaths and 7,759,771 people that have been tested. Yesterday there were 1,204,475 cases, 71,078 deaths and 7,544,328 people that had been tested. 323,978 of the US cases are in New York. Yesterday there were 321,192 cases there.

In Nebraska there are now 6,689 cases and there have been 78 deaths. Yesterday there had been 6,371 positive cases and 78 deaths. That makes 318 new confirmed cases identified since yesterday. 36,128 people have been tested in the state. Yesterday 34,609 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. 1,113 of the Nebraska cases are in Douglas County. There has now been 1,287 confirmed cases in Hall County, which is the Grand Island area and 212 cases in Adams County, which is the Hastings area. There are also 676 cases in Dawson County and 980 cases in Dakota County, which has not changed in four days. The only thing that could explain this would be that they are not doing testing in this area right now. There are now 452 cases in Lancaster County, up from 441 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!