**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. My data source is now showing that we have two positive cases of COVID-19 in Nemaha County, one of which does not show up in the local health department data. We have also learned on Friday that another case of COVID-19 has been discovered in Johnson County.

I have a weekly conference call with several of the CEOs from rural hospitals from across the state. It seems that all of the hospitals are starting to do elective surgeries and to hold specialty clinics. No one reported any problems with providing these services. In fact, many are seeing a surge in patients seeking these services due to pent-up demand. All of the hospitals represented on the call are continuing to screen everyone entering their facilities and to be very cautious about who is seen, just as we are.

As of 9:00 this morning there were 4,744,216 cases in the world. Yesterday there were 4,658,651 cases. There have been 315,740 deaths. Yesterday there had been 312,239 deaths.

In the United States there are now 1,487447 positive cases, 89,567 deaths and 11,449,203 people that have been tested. Yesterday there were 1,467,884 cases, 88,754 deaths and 11,077,179 people that had been tested. 350,121 of the US cases are in New York. Yesterday there were 348,232 cases there.

In Nebraska there are now 10,348 cases and there have been 123 deaths. Yesterday there had been 10,220 positive cases and 123 deaths. That makes 128 new confirmed cases identified since yesterday. We know that there have been more deaths in the state but they are not showing up in my data source yet. 65,640 people have been tested in the state. Yesterday 59,978 people had been tested. We now have two confirmed case in Nemaha County, one in Richardson County, seven in Johnson County and six in Otoe County. 2,362 the Nebraska cases are in Douglas County. There have now been 1,430 confirmed cases in Hall County, which is the Grand Island area. There are also 805 cases in Dawson County and 1,458 cases in Dakota County. There are now 800 cases in Lancaster County. There have been 858 people tested in the Southeast District Health Department area with 16 positive cases.

Thanks for all you do every day!