**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. The big news from yesterday is that the governor plans to open up the state to more activities on June 1st. The number of cases in Douglas County is still increasing at an alarming rate so I am not so sure that this is a good idea. Again, the governor has to perform a balancing act between what is good for the economy and what is best to stop the spread of the virus.

We all want to enjoy what is typically considered the first holiday of the summer. I urge you to continue to use caution in your celebration activities. Continue to social distance and wear your mask in public. Be cautious with your travel plans. Protect those people that are the most vulnerable to the virus.

As of 9:00 this morning there were 5,128,492 cases in the world. Yesterday there were 5,022,064 cases. That is an increase of 106,428 cases in one day! There have been 333,489 deaths. Yesterday there had been 328,730 deaths.

In the United States there are now 1,577,758 positive cases, 94,729 deaths and 13,056,206 people that have been tested. Yesterday there were 1,552,594 cases, 93,439 deaths and 12,647,791 people that had been tested. 356,458 of the US cases are in New York. Yesterday there were 354,370 cases there.

In Nebraska there are now 11,427 cases and there have been 143 deaths. Yesterday there had been 11,122 positive cases and 138 deaths. That makes 305 new confirmed cases identified since yesterday. 75,640 people have been tested in the state. Yesterday 72,135 people had been tested. We now have had three confirmed cases in Nemaha County, one in Richardson County, seven in Johnson County and six in Otoe County. Other data sources will show a slight variation in these numbers but that is usually a function of when the data was entered. 2,798 the Nebraska cases are in Douglas County. There have now been 1,452 confirmed cases in Hall County, 813 cases in Dawson County and 1,489 cases in Dakota County. There are now 44 cases in Gage County, up from 43 cases yesterday. There are now 995 cases in Lancaster County. There have been 1067 people tested in the Southeast District Health Department area with 17 positive cases.

Thanks for all you do every day! Enjoy your weekend! Remember, be kind!