

**TO:** All Nemaha County Hospital Team Members  
**FROM:** Marty Fattig  
**DATE:** July 22, 2020  
**RE:** Daily COVID-19 Update

Good morning and thanks for reading this update. It appears that the number of new cases of COVID-19 is rising in many states, including Nebraska. We are not having a dramatic increase in this state but there is still cause for caution. There has recently been an outbreak of cases in Southwest Nebraska, which has been relatively free of cases until now.

The argument for and against wearing masks continues to rage on social media. Even though all of the science points to the value of wearing masks, some people do not think that the work. I urge you to follow the science and wear a mask. All of the experts that I know advocate for wearing masks. Who am I to argue with them?

As of 9:00 this morning there were 14,976,453 cases in the world. Yesterday there were 14,735,331 cases. There have been 617,297 deaths. Yesterday there had been 610,776 deaths.

In the United States there are now 3,902,377 positive cases, 142,080 deaths and 47,224,382 people that have been tested. Yesterday there were 3,831,591 cases, 140,914 deaths and 46,469,524 people that had been tested. There were 70,786 new cases diagnosed in the U.S. yesterday and 1,166 deaths. 9,400 of the new cases were discovered in Florida, 11,400 in California and 7,300 in Texas. California has now passed New York as the state with the most cases.

In Nebraska there are now 23,190 cases and there have been 310 deaths. Yesterday there had been 22,847 positive cases and 313 deaths. That makes 343 new confirmed cases identified since yesterday and 185 of the new cases were in Douglas County. This is the most new cases identified in Nebraska since May 30<sup>th</sup>. 238,441 people have been tested in the state. Yesterday 234,896 people had been tested. We now have had seven confirmed cases in Nemaha County, one in Pawnee County, eleven in Richardson County, nine in Johnson County and thirty-four in Otoe County. These are the numbers of cases in each county as reported by the Southeast District Health Department. 8,900 of the Nebraska cases are in Douglas County. There have now been 1,657 confirmed cases in Hall County, 887 cases in Dawson County and 1,873 cases in Dakota County. There are now 70 cases in Gage County and 2,541 cases in Lancaster County. There have been 62 positive cases and one death in the Southeast District Health Department area.

Source: <https://coronavirus.jhu.edu/map.html>