

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. I guess the big debate going on across the nation deals with the appropriate way to open schools back up after being closed for about five months. Some want students back in class in person. Others believe that only virtual classes are appropriate at this time. Other are somewhere in the middle. I think that all of these points of view have merit but I think it is time to follow the science and to do what the experts believe is the correct plan of action.

I believe in voting by mail and my belief is not politically biased. I believe that it is a public health issue. The more people we can get to vote by mail, the less people will be out on Election Day going to the polls and potentially spreading the virus. It's just one more way we can slow the spread of this disease.

As of 9:00 this morning there were 18,576,034 cases in the world. Yesterday there were 18,317,520. There have been 701,316 deaths. Yesterday there had been 694,713 deaths.

In the United States there are now 4,771,846 positive cases, 156,839 deaths and 58,239,438 people that have been tested. Yesterday there were 4,718,249 cases, 155,478 deaths and 57,543,852 people that had been tested. There were 53,597 new cases diagnosed in the U.S. yesterday and 1,361 deaths.

In Nebraska there are now 27,178 cases and there have been 332 deaths. Yesterday there had been 26,956 positive cases and 332 deaths. The number of deaths listed in the database resolved itself today. 222 new confirmed cases have been identified since yesterday and 108 of the new cases were in Douglas County. 283,859 people have been tested in the state. Yesterday 281,106 people had been tested. We now have had twenty confirmed cases in Nemaha County, eight in Pawnee County, twenty in Richardson County, thirteen in Johnson County and forty-two in Otoe County. These are the numbers of cases in each county as reported by the Southeast District Health Department. 10,719 of the Nebraska cases are in Douglas County. There have now been 1,721 confirmed cases in Hall County, 950 cases in Dawson County and 1,904 cases in Dakota County. There are now 82 cases in Gage County and 3,163 cases in Lancaster County. There have been 103 positive cases and one death in the Southeast District Health Department area.

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

Thanks for all you do for us! Be kind to each other!