

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 have been noticing lots of anxiety in people as circumstances change in the world. There are so many unknowns. Will schools continue to remain open or will workers need to make other arrangements for child care? What about getting tested if I become symptomatic? I can't stay home for fourteen days if I am positive. These are very real feelings but it is so important that we are honest with each other and do the right thing to control the spread of this virus.

I think it also time once again to remind everyone how important it is to be kind to each other during these difficult times. Everyone is experiencing some sort of stress in their lives so don't be too quick to judge them. If we can do nothing else for someone, we can always be kind!

As of 9:00 this morning there were 21,916,639 cases in the world. Yesterday there were 21,715,048. There have been 775,000 deaths. Yesterday there had been 775,989 deaths. This is impossible so I can only assume that data was entered on one of the days incorrectly.

In the United States there are now 5,444,554 positive cases, 170,559 deaths and 68,056,780 people that have been tested. Yesterday there were 5,406,625 cases, 170,065 deaths and 67,203,219 people that had been tested. There were 37,929 new cases diagnosed in the U.S. yesterday and 494 deaths.

In Nebraska there are now 30,563 cases and there have been 362 deaths. Yesterday there had been 30,372 positive cases and 361 deaths. 191 new confirmed cases have been identified since yesterday and 72 of the new cases were in Douglas County. 322,991 people have been tested in the state. Yesterday 320,876 people had been tested. We now have had forty-five confirmed cases in Nemaha County, nine in Pawnee County, twenty-seven in Richardson County, fourteen in Johnson County and fifty-nine in Otoe County. These are the numbers of cases in each county as reported by the Southeast District Health Department. 12,137 of the Nebraska cases are in Douglas County. There have now been 1,773 confirmed cases in Hall County, 980 cases in Dawson County and 1,944 cases in Dakota County. There are now 100 cases in Gage County and 3,451 cases in Lancaster County. There have been 154 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!