

**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. Even as the restrictions regarding social distancing are lifted in the state, it appears the number of new cases of COVID-19 is increasing. And, if you look of the graph of the number of new cases per day in the state, the trend is rising. This does not bode well for the long term control of this virus, especially going into flu season. Please continue to be careful.

There is lots of talk about a vaccine against this virus being available soon. Many questions remain unanswered. When will the vaccine be released? Who will get it? How many of us will be offered the vaccine? How many will refuse to take it? If it is like the flu vaccine and it protects fifty to sixty percent of those that get it, is that good enough protection to go back to the old way of doing things? Until we know more, just wear the mask.

As of 9:00 this morning there were 30,221,414 cases in the world. Yesterday there were 29,910,816. There have been 946,963 deaths. Yesterday there had been 941,381 deaths.

In the United States there are now 6,678,382 positive cases, 197,382 deaths and 91,546,598 people that have been tested. Yesterday there were 6,631,751 cases, 196,842 deaths and 90,710,730 people that had been tested. There were 46,631 new cases diagnosed in the U.S. yesterday and 854 deaths.

In Nebraska there are now 39,921 cases and there have been 442 deaths. Yesterday there had been 39,419 positive cases and 439 deaths. 502 new confirmed cases have been identified since yesterday and 136 of the new cases were in Douglas County. 412,851 people have been tested in the state. Yesterday 408,961 people had been tested. We now have had 114 confirmed cases in Nemaha County, twelve in Pawnee County, fifty-two in Richardson County, thirty-four in Johnson County and 133 in Otoe County. These are the numbers of cases in each county as reported by the Southeast District Health Department. 14,887 of the Nebraska cases are in Douglas County. There have now been 1,949 confirmed cases in Hall County, 1,058 cases in Dawson County and 2,120 cases in Dakota County. There are now 189 cases in Gage County and 5,422 cases in Lancaster County.

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

Source: <https://coronavirus.jhu.edu/map.html>; [www.sedhd.org](http://www.sedhd.org)