

**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 was on a conference call yesterday with people from hospitals across the state and everyone is concerned about the extreme rise in new cases of COVID-19 and the hospitalizations associated with that rise in new cases. Everyone is concerned that this is becoming a crisis, and most of the concern comes from a lack of staff. Hospitals have beds available but they do not have the necessary staff to place patients in those beds. Since we are not the only state that is seeing an increase in hospitalizations, staff from temporary staffing agencies are not available either.

In my opinion, the key to turning this crisis around is for everyone from the governor to local citizens to do what they can to curb the spread of the virus. Wear a mask. Wash your hands. Practice social distancing. Don't gather in large groups. Together we can impact the spread of this disease.

As of 9:00 this morning there were 39,002,007 cases in the world. Yesterday there were 38,588,292. There have been 1,099,469 deaths. Yesterday there had been 1,093,359 deaths.

In the United States there are now 7,982,291 positive cases, 217,747 deaths and 119,380,346 people that have been tested. Yesterday there were 7,917,389 cases, 216,904 deaths and 118,368,930 people that had been tested. There were 64,902 new cases diagnosed in the U.S. yesterday and 843 deaths.

In Nebraska there are now 55,428 cases and there have been 535 deaths. Yesterday there had been 54,467 positive cases and 530 deaths. 961 new confirmed cases have been identified since yesterday and 312 of the new cases were in Douglas County. 523,777 people have been tested in the state. Yesterday 519,411 people had been tested. We now have had 164 confirmed cases in Nemaha County, 19 in Pawnee County, 87 in Richardson County, 81 in Johnson County and 239 in Otoe County. These are the numbers of cases in each county as reported by the Southeast District Health Department. 19,190 of the Nebraska cases are in Douglas County. There have now been 2,340 confirmed cases in Hall County, 1,171 cases in Dawson County and 2,425 cases in Dakota County. There are now 379 cases in Gage County and 7,757 cases in Lancaster County.

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

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