

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. The Southeast District Health Department updated the information on their website on Friday, November 6th. There are 136 new cases of COVID-19 in their area. There were 44 additional cases in Nemaha County, 21 additional cases in Johnson County, 45 additional cases in Otoe County, one additional case in Pawnee County and 15 additional cases in Richardson County. This makes a total of 1024 cases and three deaths in the district. 513 of the cases were diagnosed in the last thirty days.

As you can see in this update, the number of cases in the region, state and nation continue to rise at alarming rates. As cases increase, hospitalizations increase and, unfortunately deaths increase. I am very worried that hospitals are going to become overwhelmed and we will have nowhere to transfer our patients that need a higher level of care than we can offer them.

It is going to take all of us acting in a responsible manner to curb the spread of this virus in our community. You may be doing everything that you are supposed to do when you are here at work. But if you let your guard down when you go home by going out to eat with friends or going to the grocery store without wearing a mask or using the hand sanitizer, you are risking your health as well as the health of your co-workers. When you let your guard down around others you are letting your guard down around everyone that these people have been in contact with. You should not put all of us that are trying to care for people with this disease at risk by your lax behavior.

When a vaccine comes out, I hope you will all be willing to get it. Remember, we all receive the flu vaccine every year and it is a new vaccine every year. The manufacturers of the flu vaccine research what flu virus strains are infecting people in Southeast Asia this year and develop the flu vaccine for next year to combat those strains of the virus. So receiving a new vaccine is something you do every year already.

As of 9:00 this morning there were 50,523,502 cases in the world. Yesterday there were 49,956,606. There have been 1,258,109 deaths. Yesterday there had been 1,252,277 deaths.

Source: <https://coronavirus.jhu.edu/map.html> ; www.sedhd.org

In the United States there are now 9,973,666 positive cases, 237,584 deaths and 156,637,891 people that have been tested. Yesterday there were 9,862,307 cases, 237,123 deaths and 155,357,748 people that had been tested. There were 111,359 new cases diagnosed in the U.S. yesterday and 461 deaths.

In Nebraska there are now 83,969 cases and there have been 703 deaths. Yesterday there had been 82,395 positive cases and 703 deaths. 1,574 new confirmed cases have been identified since yesterday and 403 of the new cases were in Douglas County. We now have had 255 confirmed cases in Nemaha County, 33 in Pawnee County, 190 in Richardson County, 138 in Johnson County and 408 in Otoe County. These are the numbers of cases in each county as reported by the Southeast District Health Department. 26,825 of the Nebraska cases are in Douglas County. There have now been 3,151 confirmed cases in Hall County, 1,501 cases in Dawson County and 2,714 cases in Dakota County. There are now 744 cases in Gage County and 11,056 cases in Lancaster County.

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