

**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 am hearing fears of Thanksgiving becoming a super spreader event. Much of this fear comes from college students returning home and sharing the virus with their family and friends. The spread can also come from people having Thanksgiving celebrations with people with which they do not live. Please be careful! Hospitals are becoming overwhelmed and may not be able to care for you if you get sick.

News regarding vaccines sounds promising. It is going to be very important that people that are offered the vaccine, agree to receive it. Until then, please wear a mask in public. It works and it is the respectful thing to do.

As of 9:00 this morning there were 55,784,525 cases in the world. Yesterday there were 55,192,409. There have been 1,341,360 deaths. Yesterday there had been 1,330,205 deaths.

In the United States there are now 11,365,323 positive cases and 248,734 deaths. Yesterday there were 11,214,231 cases and 247,356 deaths. There were 151,092 new cases diagnosed in the U.S. yesterday and 1,378 deaths.

In Nebraska there are now 103,805 cases and there have been 816 deaths. Yesterday there had been 101,601 positive cases and 797 deaths. 2,204 new confirmed cases have been identified since yesterday and 777 of the new cases were in Douglas County. We now have had 295 confirmed cases in Nemaha County, 51 in Pawnee County, 265 in Richardson County, 272 in Johnson County and 589 in Otoe County. These are the numbers of cases in each county as reported by the Southeast District Health Department. 32,969 of the Nebraska cases are in Douglas County. There have now been 3,764 confirmed cases in Hall County, 1,737 cases in Dawson County and 2,901 cases in Dakota County. There are now 1,041 cases in Gage County and 13,195 cases in Lancaster County.

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