

TO: All Nemaha County Hospital Team Members

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RE: Daily COVID-19 Update

Good morning and thanks for reading this update. Well, new cases of COVID-19 seem to be going down in this state along with hospitalizations. I believe that the local restrictions implemented in many communities have made a difference. We seem to be moving in a different direction than the rest of the nation.

We have to be excited that the Pfizer vaccine is being given to many healthcare providers across the state and now it appears that another vaccine will be available soon. I am in hopes that more vaccine availability will result in more vaccinations, which will lead to more immunity and less cases of illness and, as a result, less deaths.

As of 9:00 this morning there were 75,130,608 cases in the world. Yesterday there were 74,378,599. There have been 1,665,474 deaths. Yesterday there had been 1,652,235 deaths.

In the United States there are now 17,215,067 positive cases and 310,806 deaths. Yesterday there were 16,985,170 cases and 307,552 deaths. There were 229,897 new cases diagnosed in the U.S. yesterday and 3,254 deaths.

In Nebraska there are now 153,400 cases and there have been 1,453 deaths. Yesterday there had been 152,103 positive cases and 1,448 deaths. 1,297 new confirmed cases have been identified since yesterday and 507 of the new cases were in Douglas County. We now have had 494 confirmed cases in Nemaha County, 144 in Pawnee County, 479 in Richardson County, 448 in Johnson County and 908 in Otoe County. These are the numbers of cases in each county as reported by the Southeast District Health Department. 48,619 of the Nebraska cases are in Douglas County. There have now been 5,498 confirmed cases in Hall County, 2,284 cases in Dawson County and 3,373 cases in Dakota County. There are now 1,704 cases in Gage County and 20,265 cases in Lancaster County.

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