



STAY HOME – STAY HEALTHY – STAY CONNECTED

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Purpose: The purpose of this report is to provide an update to city officials within Region 22 about the current COVID-19 Pandemic. It is essential to keep in mind that this information often changes rapidly. Any questions, suggestions or concerns can be directed:

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COVID-19 Nebraska Cases: As of 5:20 p.m., April 12, 2020. This information is updated daily and can be found by clicking [here](#).

United States Totals

Total cases 524,514
 Total Deaths 20,444

[Link to US CDC](#)

Nebraska totals

Positive tests 814
 Negative tests 10,158
 Total tested 10,991
 Deaths 17

Panhandle Cases:

	Panhandle	Scotts Bluff	Kimball	Cheyenne	Box Butte
Total Tests	383*	166	75	42	28
Negative Tests	356	152	65	39	27
Positive Tests	27	14	10	2	1
Deaths	0	0	0	0	0
Recovered	7	3	3	1	0

* Does not include pending tests.

Directed Health Measure (DHM) - The State of Nebraska is currently under a NEW [Directed Health Measure Order 2020-010](#). The DHM expires for the Panhandle of Nebraska on May 11, 2020, unless renewed, extended, or terminated by subsequent order. This DHM orders all beauty/nail salons, barber shops, massage therapy services, gentlemen’s clubs, bottle clubs, indoor theatres, and tattoo parlors/studios are closed until April 30, 2020. All organized team sports, youth and adult, including but not limited to club sports are suspended until May 31, 2020.

First Responders: - Several panhandle public safety agencies have taken extensive measures to protect their employees and limit their exposure. Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) is a concern for all first responders in Region 22. We are currently working to establish a reliable inventory of PPE in Scotts Bluff County and Banner County to identify immediate needs and to project future needs when more PPE is

acquired. Panhandle Public Health District advises that they received their third shipment from the Strategic National Stockpile. Unfortunately, it is much smaller than they had hoped. Some needed PPE items are reported to be in the single digits.

Law Enforcement is working to determine the process in enforcing Quarantine Orders. Currently voluntary compliance has been successful; however it is important that officers have a clear understanding of what is required and the process necessary to take enforcement action. Chief Spencer of Scottsbluff Police and Sheriff Frerichs of Cheyenne County met with Unified Command to discuss the procedures for enforcing Quarantine Orders and Isolation Orders. Currently voluntary compliance has been successful, and it is hopeful that it remains that way.

Testing for Healthcare and First Responders:

The Nebraska National Guard tested 47 health, medical and first responders at their mobile testing site in Kimball on Thursday. Of those tests, all came back negative, except for a healthcare worker who had previously tested positive. The person was retested to see if it was safe for them to return to work. Unfortunately, the person tested positive, so they remain in isolation at home. This will not be reported as a new positive, so the total number of positive cases in Kimball County remains at ten.

The Nebraska National Guard arrived Friday morning at the Scotts Bluff County Fairgrounds in Mitchell and tested 50 healthcare and first response personnel in Scottsbluff and Scotts Bluff County. Another 50 were tested on Saturday. These tests were prioritized for healthcare and first response personnel that have had an exposure or potential exposure to people with known or suspected COVID-19. Test results are coming back in soon.

News from Surrounding States:

Goshen County, Wyoming – Goshen County still has three positive cases of COVID-19. Emergency Manager Shelly Kirchhefer says their COVID activity level has leveled off at this point. No new cases in several days. Their main issue early on was what to tell workers that needed to continue to cross the state line for work. They have people who live in Nebraska that work in Goshen County and vice versa. Ultimately, it comes down to stressing social distancing and good hygiene while going about daily business.

Logan County, Colorado – Logan County has 13 active cases. Their first case was back on March 22nd. They have climbed slowly but steadily, only reporting one or two cases a day, followed by a few days without new cases. Three days ago was their largest jump at three new cases. However, they have not had a new cases since then. They developed a “Logan County Symptom Tracker” online using Google Forms. Logan County Emergency Manager Jerry Casebolt says he begins his day at 8:00 a.m. with his three County Commissioners and the County PIO. They brainstorm for about three hours each day. They are in the process of developing a Logan County Recovery Task Force with an eye toward how to return to a sense of normalcy.

Resources:

The University of Nebraska Medical Center has developed a COVID-19 screening mobile app. Click [here](#) to learn more, click [here for the App Store](#).

How to wear cloth face coverings and CDC guidance on homemade cloth face coverings click [here](#).

To find a Comparison of COVID-19 Loan Programs – Forgiveness Terms click [here](#).

Map of Confirmed COVID-19 Cases in U.S. Counties: [March 1 through Today](#).

Small Business Guidance and Loan Resources can be found [here](#).

Nebraska DHHS COVID-19 information can be found [here](#).

COVID-19 Potential Community Exposure Sites:

For information on Potential Community Exposure Sites, please click [here](#).