

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 4:45 p.m., April 30, 2020. This information is updated daily and can be found by clicking [here](#).

United States Totals

Total cases 1,031,659

Total Deaths 60,057

[Link to US CDC](#)

Nebraska totals

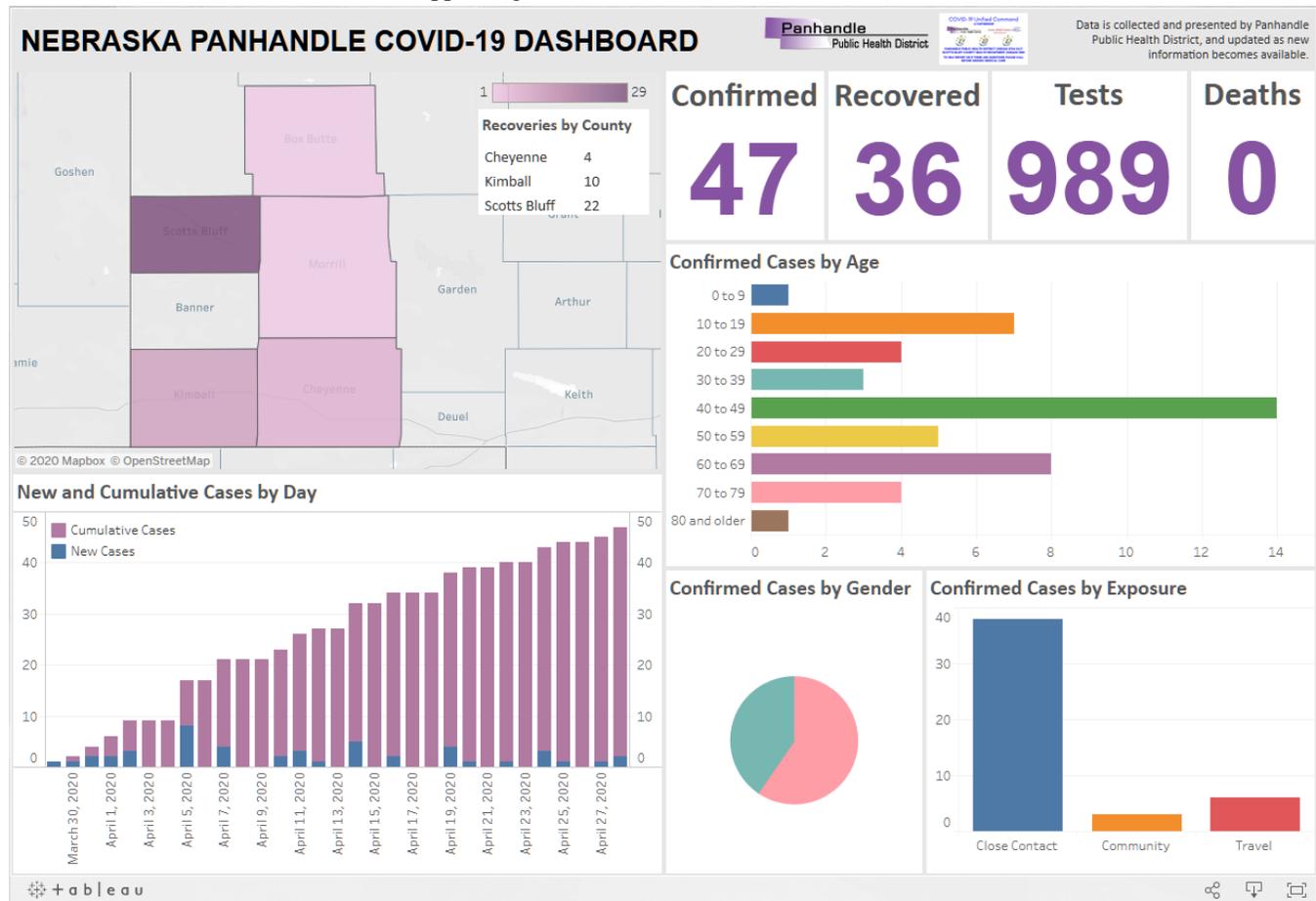
Positive tests 4,281

Negative tests 23,104

Total tested 27,577

Deaths 70

This dashboard is hot-linked to pphd.org



Panhandle Cases:

Source: [Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services](#)

County	Panhandle	Scotts Bluff	Kimball	Cheyenne	Box Butte	Morrill
Total Tests	846*	357	86	180	66	69
Negative Tests	799	328	76	174	65	68
Positive Tests	47	29	10	6	1	1
Deaths	0	0	0	0	0	0
Recovered	33	22	10	4	0	0

* Does not include pending tests.

New Directed Health Measure to go into effect May 4th

Updated Information - Governor Ricketts has issued a separate Directed Health Measures (DHM) for each health district. Panhandle Public Health District's DHM will go into effect May 4th. The new DHM has been published and can be read in its entirety [here](#).

- Elective **medical and dental** surgeries and procedures (including **vision** appointments) will resume as long as the hospitals maintain a 30% bed availability, 30% ICU bed availability, 30% ventilator availability and at least a two week supply of PPE on hand.
- **Churches** will be allowed to reopen with a modified 6-foot separation rule. Churches will need to ensure six feet of separation between different household units. No passing of any items amongst congregants. This will also allow **funerals** and **weddings** with more than the current 10-person limit. An expanded guidance document can be found [here](#).
- **Beauty/nail salons, barber shops, massage therapy services, tattoo parlors/studios** will be allowed to reopen with certain restrictions. They will be included in the 10 Person Rule and will remain closed until May 4. Both workers and patrons will be required to wear masks. An expanded guidance document can be found [here](#).
- **Restaurants** will be allowed to reopen to dine-in options if all of the following conditions are met. They will be limited to 50% of rated occupancy maximum at a time. They will need to maintain six feet separation between seating of different parties. Maximum of six individuals in a dining party (groups larger than six will need to split into multiple tables). Self-serve buffets and salad bars are prohibited. Restaurant staff must serve food directly to customers or implement buffet orders from the customer table. No customer self-service. Bar seating not permitted. Patrons may only consume alcohol on premise if also consuming a meal. Bars that do not serve food will remain limited to carry-out sales and delivery only. An expanded guidance document can be found [here](#).
- **Daycare Facilities** will expand to not more than 15 kids per room/space. All other state provisions, statutes, regulations, including child to staff ratios, still apply.
- **Organized Team Sports**, youth and adult, including but not limited to club sports are hereby suspended.
- **Bars, Gentleman's Clubs, Bottle Clubs, Indoor Movie Theaters, and Indoor Theaters** will remain closed until May 31st but subject to change before that date.

Antibody Testing and What It Means

New Information – A blood test to check for COVID-19 antibodies is not providing the clarity it was hoped for. The accuracy and reliability of many of these tests is in question. The presence of antibodies usually indicates some level of immunity. However, the lack of research on this very new virus means there is no reliable information on “how much” immunity a person has. Are they immune for a week? A

month? A year? Forever? There is no way to know at this time. As research continues and testing is perfected, these answers will come. But the recommendation is that once a person recovers from COVID, they should act as if they could get it again.

CARES Act Information

Title I of the CARES Act focuses on, keeping American workers paid and employed. Among other provisions, it provides that during the coronavirus crisis the government will pay the principal and interest on SBA loans, wiping out a significant monthly payment for many small businesses. It also creates some of the most high profile programs under the CARES Act, including the Paycheck Protection Program. Under the PPP any small business that has been in operation since February 15 can get a low-interest, short-term loan to cover losses caused by the quarantines and the coronavirus itself. Another part of the CARES Act is the Economic Injury Disaster Loans. This is a pre-existing program that the SBA runs for small businesses in a disaster zone. These loans are processed and distributed by the SBA itself. For businesses seeking EIDL loans due to the coronavirus, the CARES Act has reduced the SBA's application requirements and created an emergency \$10,000 up-front loan. The CARES Act dramatically expands unemployment benefits. While each state sets its own standards and weekly payments, the law increases those payments by \$600 a week per recipient. Several other portions of the CARES Act support and sustain small businesses as well as individuals. For more information, visit <https://home.treasury.gov/policy-issues/cares>.

Resources:

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](#).

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

New Information - To read the most recent Directed Health Measure (DHM) from the Governor, click [here](#).

The Nebraska Emergency Management Agency Daily Situation Report can be found [here](#). The information on this site is For Official Use Only, not to be shared with the general public.