

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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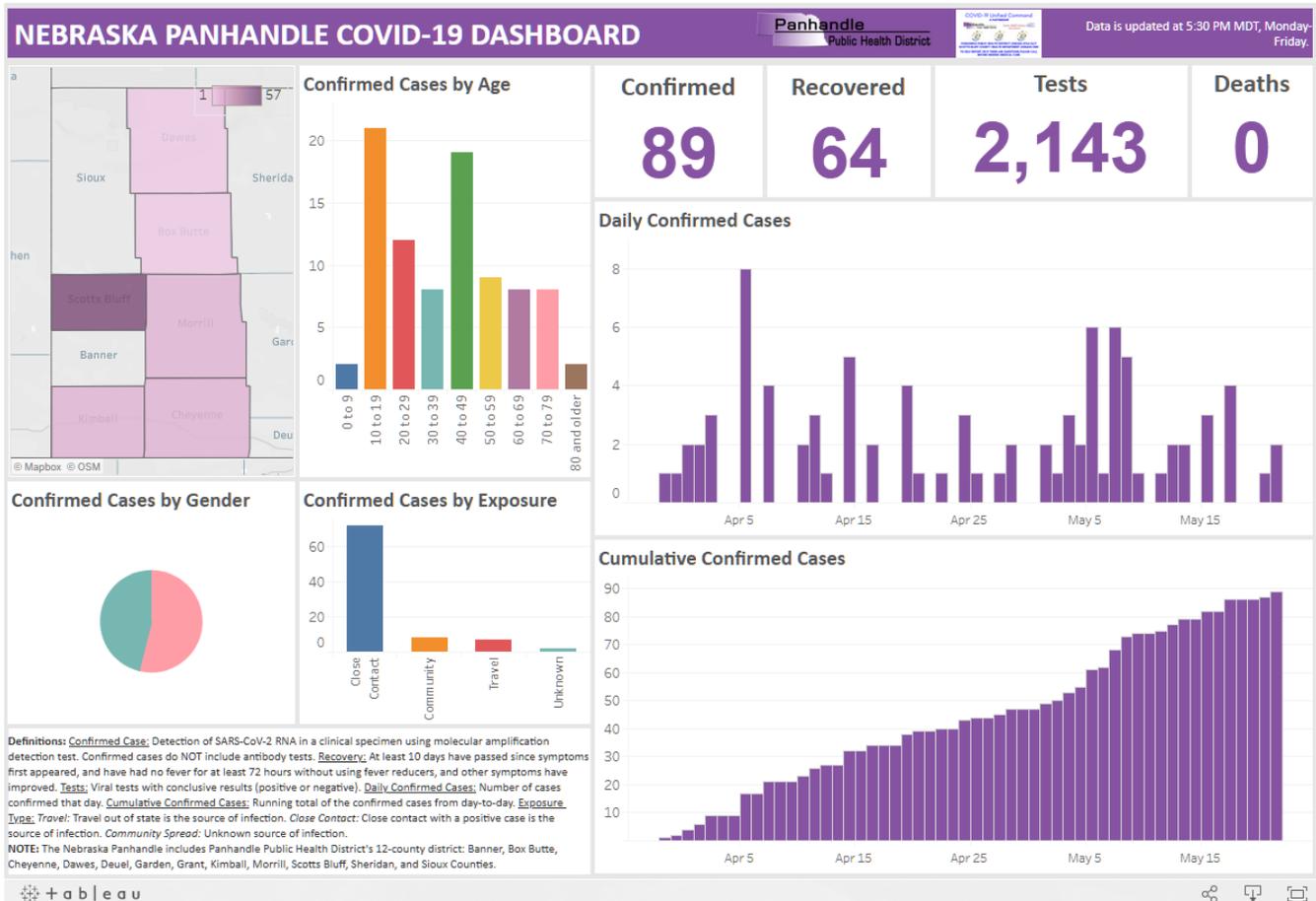
COVID-19 Nebraska Cases: As of 5:00 p.m., May 20, 2020. This information is updated daily and can be found by clicking [here](#).

United States Totals
 Total cases 1,551,095
 Total Deaths 93,061
[Link to US CDC](#)

Nebraska totals
 Positive tests 11,425
 Negative tests 66,994
 Total tested 78,654
 Deaths 138

Scotts Bluff Cases
 Positive tests 58
 Negative tests 749
 Total tested 807
 Recovered 39

This dashboard is hot-linked to [phd.org](#)



TestNebraska in Scottsbluff This Week

Updated Information - The Nebraska National Guard has performed **196 tests** in Scottsbluff on Thursday. They will continue to test through Friday. The only way to get an appointment is to register through www.testnebraska.com and take the short assessment. If you are deemed to be eligible to be tested, you will be given the opportunity to choose a time to come in for the test. If you are not deemed to be eligible at the time, the system may email you on the day of testing if the higher priority slots are not filled. If there is someone who would like to sign up for the tests, but are not computer savvy, they may call Panhandle Public Health District at (308) 262-5764. Testing will be done as a drive through, and the person will not need to leave their vehicle. Below is the traffic flow.

New Directed Health Measure to Begin June 1

New Information – Governor Pete Ricketts announced the details of the new Directed Health Measure (DHM) that will go into effect on June 1st. However, **beginning immediately**, all individuals returning from international travel only will be required to quarantine upon returning to Nebraska for 14 days. The restriction will not apply to individuals traveling in connection with military service or in connection with employment at a health care facility. **No travel restrictions are in place for travel within Nebraska or within the United States.**

Some things did not change from the last DHM. **Hospitals** may continue elective surgeries and procedures if they maintain 30% general bed availability, 30% ICU bed availability, 30% ventilator availability, AND have a two-week supply of necessary PPE in their specific facility. Churches will continue with six (6) foot separation rule and other guidelines issued on April 30th. **Churches** will need to ensure six feet of separation between different household units and no passing of any items amongst congregants. **Daycare Centers** will continue to have not more than 15 kids per room/space. All other state provisions, statutes, regulations, including child to staff ratios, still apply. **Restaurants** will be allowed to continue dine-in options if all of the following conditions are met:

- Limited to 50% of rated occupancy maximum at a time
- Six (6) feet separation between seating of different parties.
- Maximum of six (6) individuals in a dining party. Groups larger than six (6) 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.
- Food may not be consumed at bar seating.
- Games such as pool, darts, arcade games, etc. are prohibited.

These are the changes that will take effect on **June 1st**. When it comes to **sports**, the State of Nebraska will utilize April 2008 American Academy of Pediatrics Classification of Sports According to Contact as guideline for opening sports of differing contact levels.

- Limited and Non-contact team sports including baseball, softball, and volleyball practices may begin June 1st.
- Limited and Non-contact team sports including baseball, softball, and volleyball games may begin June 18th
- Rodeo events may also begin starting June 1st
- "June 1st Statewide Sports Reopening Guidelines" must be followed for both youth and adults.
- Rodeos are permitted to follow Gatherings DHM requirements.
- Schools gyms and weight rooms are permitted to follow gyms, fitness centers/clubs, health clubs, and health spas DHM requirements.

- *Contact sports like basketball, tackle football, soccer, wrestling, etc. remain prohibited.*

Bars, bottle clubs, and gentlemen's clubs will be permitted to reopen if all of the following conditions are met:

- *Limited to 50% of rated occupancy maximum at a time*
- *Patrons will be required to be seated while on premise unless they are placing an order or using the restroom*
- *Six (6) feet separation between seating of different parties*
- *Maximum of six (6) individuals in a party (groups larger than six (6) will need to split into multiple tables)*
- *Food may not be consumed at bar seating*
- *Games such as pool, darts, arcade games, etc. are prohibited*

Gatherings will be limited to the greater of 25 people (excluding staff) or 25% of rated occupancy (not to exceed 3,000) for gatherings held at:

- *Indoor or Outdoor Arenas, Indoor or Outdoor Auctions, Stadiums, Tracks, Fairgrounds, Festivals, Zoos, Auditoriums, Large Event Conference Rooms, Meeting Halls, Indoor Theaters, Libraries, Swimming Pools or any other confined indoor or outdoor space*
- *Ticketing must be done in groups no larger than six (6) individuals*
- *Six (6) feet separation between different ticketed groups must be maintained*
- *Parades, carnivals, midways, dances and street dances, beer gardens are prohibited through June 30th and may be extended.*
- *Parades where patrons remain in their vehicles and the public does not line the streets are permitted.*
- *Dance recitals are permitted but must follow the Gathering requirements*
- *Drive-in movie theaters may open at full capacity as long as patrons remain in/on their vehicles while viewing the movie and congregating at concession and restroom areas are not permitted.*
- *Plans for reopening must be submitted to the local health departments and approved for all indoor and outdoor locations/venues that hold 500 or more individuals (1,000 or more in counties over 500,000 population) before reopening is permitted. The reopening plan must contain planned number of guests, how the location will meet social distancing guidelines, and sanitation guidelines.*

Gyms, fitness centers/clubs, health clubs, and health spas will be limited to the greater of 25 people (excluding staff) or 50% of rated occupancy. They will continue to need to ensure a minimum distance of six (6) be maintained between all patrons.

Massage therapy services and tattoo parlors/studios will increase to not more than 25 patrons or 50% of rated occupancy. Chairs/stations must remain at least six (6) feet apart. Both workers and patrons are still required in the DHM to wear masks at all times

Salons and barber shops will be permitted to operate at the greater of 25 patrons or 50% of rated occupancy. Chairs/stations must remain at least six (6) feet apart. Both workers and patrons are still required in the DHM to wear masks at all times. An exception will be made for services provided by estheticians. Patrons will be permitted to remove their mask while receiving services directly. The mask must be worn by the patron at all other times while on the premise.

Wedding and funeral **reception venues** are now limited to 50% of rated occupancy maximum at a time. Six (6) feet separation between seating of different parties. Maximum of six (6) individuals in a party. Groups larger than six (6) will need to split into multiple tables. Self-serve buffets and salad bars are

prohibited. Venue staff must serve food directly to all individuals. No dance or other social event that requires guests to gather outside of their respective tables are permitted.

If anyone has any questions on the new DHM, please call or email me at tnewman@scottsbluff.org.

CDC Now Says COVID Does Not Spread Easily From Contaminated Surfaces

Although the CDC still recommends routinely cleaning and disinfecting frequently touched surfaces, they no longer believe COVID-19 can be easily spread from touching contaminated surfaces. It may still be possible that a person can get COVID-19 by touching a surface or object that has the virus on it and then touching their own mouth, nose, or possibly their eyes. This is not thought to be the main way the virus spreads, but we are still learning more about this virus. Dr. John Whyte, the chief medical officer for the healthcare website WebMD, called the CDC's changes an "important step in clarifying how the virus is spread, especially as we gain new information. It also may help reduce anxiety and stress. Many people were concerned that by simply touching an object they may get coronavirus and that's simply not the case. Even when a virus may stay on a surface, it doesn't mean that it's actually infectious. I think this new guideline helps people understand more about what does and doesn't increase risk. It doesn't mean we stop washing hands and disinfecting surfaces. But it does allow us to be practical and realistic as we try to return to a sense of normalcy."

Resources:

To find resources from Panhandle Public Health District, click [here](#).

For Wyoming COVID-19 Information, click [here](#).

For Colorado COVID-19 Information, click [here](#).

For South Dakota COVID-19 Information, 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](#).

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

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

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

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