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Updates To DHHS COVID-19 Data Dashboard

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Now includes death data, additional hospital data

LINCOLN – The Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) recently updated its COVID-19 dashboard to include death data by county and added data related to hospital capacity - http://dhhs.ne.gov/coronavirus. The total number of COVID-19-related deaths in the state to date is 107, according to the DHHS data dashboard. To view county specific data, just click on the county within the Nebraska map.

Additional hospital data was also added to the dashboard. On the hospital capacity tab, there is now the number of Nebraska hospital beds available and total hospital beds, the number of ICU beds available and the total number of ICU beds, and the number of ventilators available and the total number of ventilators in the state.

Richardson County reported its first case of COVID-19 today. DHHS also reported a first case in Garfield County yesterday. That case was erroneously entered as a Garfield County case and belongs to another county. The state case total, as of 5:45 p.m. Central Daylight Time, is 9,075. Local health departments are reporting deaths and cases in their jurisdictions. In the event of a discrepancy between DHHS dashboard data and deaths or cases reported by local public health officials, data reported by the local health department should be considered the most up to date.

Governor Pete Ricketts has announced changes to some of the state's Directed Health Measures, including re-openings of selected businesses in specific regions of Nebraska. The new DHM updates can be found by clicking here. Not sure which local health department is yours? A map is available by clicking here.

Governor Ricketts announced TestNebraska, a public-private partnership designed to increase testing capacity and #CrushTheCurve in Nebraska. TestNebraska launched last week with mobile testing sites. The Governor is urging all Nebraskans to take the assessment provided on the TestNebraska website to help identify cases of COVID-19 in the state. After taking the assessment, participants who fit the criteria will be notified via phone or email that they qualify to be tested for COVID-19. Nebraskans can take the assessment at https://www.testnebraska.com/. Because people can develop symptoms quickly, Nebraskans are asked to update their assessments from time to time as needed.

DHHS supports Governor Ricketts in urging Nebraskans to follow the **Six Rules to Keep Nebraska Healthy.**

1. **Stay home.** No non-essential errands and no social gatherings. Respect the ten-person limits.
2. **Socially distance your work**. Work from home or use the six-foot rule as much as possible in the workplace.

3. **Shop alone**. Do this only once a week and do not take your family with you.
4. **Help kids social distance**. Play at home, no group sports and no playgrounds.
5. **Help seniors stay at home**. This can be done by shopping for them. Do not visit long-term facilities.
6. **Exercise daily**. Do your best to stay as healthy and safe as you can.

Recent studies show that a significant portion of people with COVID-19 lack symptoms and those who eventually develop symptoms can pass the virus to others before showing symptoms, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). The CDC now recommends wearing cloth face coverings in public settings where other social distancing measures are difficult to maintain (grocery stores, pharmacies, etc.) especially in areas of significant community-based transmission - https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/cloth-face-cover-faq.html.

Cloth face coverings are not a substitute for social distancing. Public health officials continue to emphasize that maintaining 6-feet social distancing is crucial to slowing the spread of the virus.

Here's where to find tools and resources for individuals and families, schools, communities, businesses, healthcare facilities, and first responders on the DHHS website - http://dhhs.ne.gov/coronavirus and CDC's website – https://www.cdc.gov/covid19.

DHHS opened a statewide COVID-19 information line to help answer general questions and share the latest information and resources with Nebraskans to help keep them informed. The number is (402) 552-6645 or toll-free at (833) 998-2275; hours of operation are 8 a.m.-8 p.m. CDT, 7 days a week.

DHHS will continue to update Nebraskans through the DHHS website and on Facebook and Twitter as we have new information. The CDC's website is also

a good resource for COVID-19 information - https://www.cdc.gov/covid19.

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