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NCDHD COVID-19 Updates

Public Service Announcement

Governor Pete Ricketts announced on December 23, 2020 that Nebraska is moving from the "yellow" to "blue" phase of its coronavirus pandemic response plan, effective December 24th at midnight. Nebraska's COVID-19 response plan links Directed Health Measures (DHMs) to the percentage of staffed hospital beds in Nebraska occupied by COVID-19 patients. Nebraska decreased from the yellow phase (15-19.99%) to the blue phase (10-14.99%), which results in the following DHM changes:

- Seating persons in groups of 8 or less is no longer required but moved to guidance for restaurants, bars, wedding/funeral receptions, and other venues.
- The requirement for individuals at bars and restaurants to be seated unless ordering food, using the restroom, or playing games is dropped and returns to guidance.
- The maximum capacity for indoor gatherings goes from 50% to 75%.
- Elective surgeries may continue without restriction.

This DHM is effective until December 31, 2020 at midnight. To access the DHMs visit dhhs.ne.gov/coronavirus.gov and to view the color-coded phases of the State's pandemic plan visit https://dhhs.ne.gov/Documents/DHM-Measure-Table-ENGLISH.pdf.

North Central District Health Department would like to remind the district of the 3 C's to reducing the spread of COVID-19: avoiding confined spaces, avoiding close contacts, and avoiding crowded places.