



**NORTH CENTRAL DISTRICT
HEALTH DEPARTMENT**
Antelope, Boyd, Brown, Cherry, Holt, Keya Paha,
Knox, Pierce and Rock Counties

For Immediate Release: New COVID-19 Variant found in the NDCHD Health District

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Delta Variant (India Variant B.1.617.2) Present in NCDHD Health District

North Central District Health Department (NCDHD) has been notified that the Delta COVID-19 Variant has been identified as having infected someone living in the NCDHD Health District. The Delta Variant is one of the newest variants in a long list of variants that have developed due to mutations occurring in the COVID-19 virus. The CDC has identified the Delta Virus as a “Variant of Concern” due to its ability to be easily spread to others, because it has shown some resistance to some COVID-19 antibody treatments, and an increased ability for those to become ill even after being fully vaccinated.

Although the Delta Variant was identified as originating in India, it is important to note that the case in the NCDHD district was not travel related. We ask that you continue to help limit the spread of COVID-19 by wearing a face mask, maintaining social distancing of a 6-foot spread, washing your hands well and often, and getting fully vaccinated. It is also important to stay home and away from others if you have any of the symptoms of COVID-19 and to get tested. Even though cases have slowed in our NCDHD Health District, COVID-19 is still out there, and with these new variants arriving, it is extremely important to slow the spread and help protect our families, friends, and communities.

For more information on COVID-19, visit www.ncdhd.ne.gov, www.dhhs.org, or www.cdc.gov. If you need information about testing or vaccine, please call the NCDHD office at 877-336-2406 or 402-336-2406.

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