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NCDHD COVID-19 Updates

Public Service Announcement

North Central District Health Department (NCDHD) has been made aware of 102 cases in the district since last reporting on 10/26: 12-Antelope; 5-Boyd; 6-Brown; 6-Cherry; 26-Holt; 0-Keya Paha; 16-Knox; 31-Pierce; 0-Rock.

NCDHD has regretfully been informed of two additional death in the district, a Holt County female in her 70s and a Pierce County female in her 80s. The NCDHD staff and administration send their sincerest condolences to the family during this time.

North Central District Health Department is pleased to report 117 recoveries across the district since the last recovery reporting: 21-Antelope, 8-Boyd, 13-Brown, 10-Cherry, 23-Holt, 25-Knox, 10-Pierce, 7-Rock.

Effective immediately, North Central District Health Department will transition to reporting COVID-19 case counts on Mondays and Thursdays only.

Due to the influx in cases and resources and time needed to contact cases and ensure close contacts are notified, there has been a gap created in completing recovery contacts. NCDHD reaches out to each positive case before reporting the case as recovered. NCDHD is working diligently to close the gap on active cases as quickly as possible. To increase transparency with the nine-county district we serve, NCDHD will begin to report a total number of new cases received in the last 14 days to help community members understand an estimate of active cases. For 10/29, the NCDHD region has added 355 new positive COVID-19 cases in the past 14 days.

The NCDHD TestNe clinics will resume next week with the following schedule:

- Test NE Clinic: Monday, November 2nd in Bassett from 11am 1 pm at the fairgrounds
- Test NE Clinic Tuesday, November 3rd in O'Neill from 8:30 am 10:30 am. Use the East ally access for the drive-thru clinic in the back of the NCDHD building.
- Test NE Clinic Wednesday, November 4th in Niobrara at the Trading Post from 10:30 am – 12:30 pm.
- Pre-registration on testnebraska.com for a testing time is preferred, but not required. Testing at these events is free.

An Influenza Vaccine Clinic will be Monday, November 2nd from 1:30 PM – 4:30 PM at the Rock County Fair Grounds. NCDHD would like to remind those who are attending the drivethrough clinics to please remain in your vehicle when arriving and follow the instructions on the signs. To fast track the clinic process, complete the vaccination form online prior to arrival and have a copy of your insurance card with you. If unable to complete vaccination form prior to the clinic NCDHD will have hard copies available and will be making copies of insurance cards as needed. Check our influenza vaccine clinic calendar on the VAX4LIFE page on our website for clinics that may be coming to communities near you.

Case count update as of 10/29/2020 at 4:00 PM: 1470 Total Cases (TC), 659 Recoveries (R), 22 Deaths (D), and 355 total cases reported in the last 14 days. A reminder that Total Case (TC) numbers are represented first, and of those total cases the number of Recovered (R) persons is represented second, and total case related Deaths (D) is represented third.

Antelope: TC: 191, R:76, D: 1Keya Paha: TC: 7, R: 2Boyd: TC: 71, R: 24Knox: TC: 329, R: 180, D: 1Brown: TC: 89, R: 43, D: 2Pierce: TC: 258, R: 108, D:9Cherry: TC: 126, R:85, D:5Rock: TC: 76, R:61Holt: TC: 323, R: 80, D: 4Keya Paha: TC: 76, R:61

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