## **PSA Release**

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## NCDHD COVID-19 Updates Public Service Announcement

North Central District Health Department (NCDHD) has been made aware of 142 cases in the district since the last reporting on 11/19: 18-Antelope; 19-Boyd; 9-Brown; 8-Cherry; 25-Holt; 1-Keya Paha; 24-Knox; 34-Pierce; 4-Rock.

NCDHD regretfully received notification of two additional COVID-19 deaths: a Pierce County woman in her 80s and a Holt County male in his 70s. NCDHD sends its sincerest condolences to the families.

Due to weather concerns, the NCDHD influenza shot clinic and TestNE COVID-19 Testing Clinic scheduled for November 24<sup>th</sup> are cancelled. The TestNE Bassett clinic will continue as scheduled on Nov. 24<sup>th</sup> from 1p-3p at the Rock County Fair Grounds. Anyone pre-registered for the November 24<sup>th</sup> clinic in O'Neill is also eligible at the November 24<sup>th</sup> clinic in Bassett or the November 25<sup>th</sup> clinic in O'Neill.

NCDHD staff will be enjoying Thanksgiving in the comfort of their own homes and will close the office. Case count numbers will be reported on the Wednesday, November 25<sup>th</sup> instead of the Thursday the 26<sup>th</sup>. NCDHD wishes its district a happy and health Thanksgiving.

NCDHD has expanded its COVID-19 testing capacities to include a 15-minute rapid test, in addition to the gold standard PCR test already offered. The rapid test is <u>only</u> offered to individuals who are currently exhibiting symptoms associated with COVID.

All testing is offered free of charge at the below locations:

- O'Neill: Monday- Thursday from 8:30a-10:30a in the north parking lot of the O'Neill Armory. The armory is located at the corner of 4th and Hynes Ave. NCDHD will <u>not</u> host testing on Tuesday, November 24<sup>th</sup> or Thursday, November 26, 2020.
- Bassett: Tuesdays from 1p-3p at the Rock County Fair Grounds.
- Pre-registration for testing at www.testnebraska.com is highly encouraged, but not required.
- The last patient will be scheduled 15 minutes before the scheduled end of the clinic.

Cherry County Hospital is offering Test Nebraska COVID clinics Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 1:30pm-3:30pm. Testing will not be conducted this Friday, November 27<sup>th</sup>. Testing is in the north parking lot of the Valentine United Methodist Church, located at 804 E. 5<sup>th</sup> St. Valentine, NE. Rapid tests are <u>not</u> offered at this TestNE site. Pre-registration is strongly recommended, though not required.

Case count update as of 11/23/2020 at 4:00 PM: 2,572 Total Cases (TC), 977 Recoveries (R), 34 Deaths (D), and 629 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: 335, R:127, D: 1Keya Paha: TC: 17, R: 5Boyd: TC: 128, R: 41; D:2Knox: TC: 533, R: 252, D: 1Brown: TC: 173, R: 68, D: 3Pierce: TC: 484, R: 140, D:13Cherry: TC: 263, R: 96, D:5Rock: TC: 98, R:70; D: 1Holt: TC: 541, R: 178, D: 8

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