

# PSA Release

North Central District Health Department (NCDHD) represents the following counties:  
Antelope, Boyd, Brown, Cherry, Holt, Keya Paha, Knox, Pierce, and Rock



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## NCDHD COVID-19 Updates Public Service Announcement

North Central District Health Department (NCDHD) has been made aware of 7 new COVID-19 cases in the district since last reporting period on 3/22/2021: 1-Antelope, 0-Boyd, 0- Brown, 1-Cherry, 2-Holt, 1-Keya Paha, 1-Knox, 1-Pierce, 0-Rock. NCDHD still encourages district residents to continue to wear your mask in public places or where social distancing is difficult as well as practice social distancing while out in public.

NCDHD is pleased to report 154 recoveries since last reporting period on 3/18/2021: Antelope – 26, Boyd – 1, Brown – 4 , Cherry – 5, Holt – 36, Keya Paha – 0, Knox – 41, Pierce – 39, Rock – 2.

Beginning 4/5/2021 Test Nebraska Clinics will only be held in O'Neill on Monday's from 8:30 AM -10:30 AM at the O'Neill Armory. Please enter the clinic through the alley South of the Armory. There will be one last Test Nebraska event in Bassett on Monday 3/29/2021 from 1-3 pm at the Rock County Fair Grounds.

An update of the district vaccinations administered can be found here below:

- 17,538 vaccinations administered.
- 10,664 1st doses in series administered.
- 6,874 2nd doses in series administered.
- 19.14% of the population 16 and older completing vaccination series.

NCDHD is moving into Phase 2 for 30 plus-year-olds. For an appointment time NCDHD asks that residents register at [vaccinate.ne.gov](https://vaccinate.ne.gov). NCDHD will still work to vaccinate those above 30 and those identified as prioritized groups. Clinics are scheduled and contact is made via email or phone to schedule registered residents for vaccination appointments as quickly as vaccine can come into the

office. NCDHD appreciates the patience of our district as we work to get vaccine out to our communities as quickly as possible.

NCDHD will be accepting walk-ins at the following clinics this week. To qualify as a walk-in, you must be 50+ and reside in Antelope, Boyd, Brown, Cherry, Holt, Keya Paha, Knox, Rock, and Pierce counties and be registered on the state registry at [vaccinate.ne.gov](http://vaccinate.ne.gov). Due to the limited number of doses allocated to the North Central District Health Department, we cannot accept individuals that live outside of our health district.

Walk-In Location week of 3.22	Date & Time
Evergreen Independent Living- O'Neill	Friday, March 26 <sup>th</sup> from 11a-3p

If you have received a first dose of vaccine through an NCDHD clinic and have not received a call to schedule your second dose please call our office to schedule an appointment.

On March 19, 2021 the CDC updated it's K-12 school guidance related to physical distancing between students in classrooms. The CDC now recommends that, ***for schools with universal masking***, students should maintain a distance of at least 3 feet in classroom settings. An outline of key changes is provided below.

The CDC has updated its operational strategy to say:

- In elementary schools, CDC recommends all students remain at least 3 feet apart in classrooms where mask use is universal — regardless of whether community transmission is low, moderate, substantial, or high.
- In middle and high schools, CDC also recommends students should be at least 3 feet apart in classrooms where mask use is universal and in communities where transmission is low, moderate, or substantial.
- Middle school students and high school students should be at least 6 feet apart in communities where transmission is high, if cohorting is not possible.

The CDC continues to recommend at least 6 feet of distance:

- Between adults in the school building and between adults and students.
- In common areas, such as school lobbies and auditoriums.
- When masks can't be worn, such as when eating.
- During activities when increased exhalation occurs, such as singing, shouting, band practice, sports, or exercise. These activities should be moved outdoors or to large, well-ventilated spaces whenever possible.
- In community settings outside of the classroom.

NCDHD would encourage district schools to review their current policies and this updated guidance. NCDHD does not require schools to follow any set guidance and encourages following CDC and state issued guides.

Case count update as of 03/25/2021 at 3:00 PM: 4,326 Total Cases (TC), 3,767 Recoveries (R), 72 Deaths (D), and 37 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: 559, R: 497, D:7

Boyd: TC: 186, R:166, D:3

Brown: TC 277, R: 276, D:4

Cherry: TC: 429, R: 374, D:7

Holt: TC: 855, R: 730, D: 15

Keya Paha: TC: 50, R: 40, D: 0

Knox: TC: 1,115, R: 952, D: 13

Pierce: TC: 703, R: 611, D: 21

Rock: TC: 153, R: 139, D:2

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