

## COVID-19 Unified Command

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### Free COVID tests widely available around the area

Free COVID test kits are available at community locations throughout the Panhandle. Residents can have as many as their family needs with a limit of six at one time at no charge. These are important to have on-hand so if you or a family member feels a minor COVID-like symptom, you can quickly test to make a decision about how to keep yourself and others that may be around you healthy and safe.

Once picked up, individuals can perform the test on their own or be helped through a video call. If done through the video call, you will receive a certified lab report that can be used for travel, medical procedures, and other documentation needs.

Location	Address	Location Detail
Alliance Municipal Building	324 Laramie Ave Alliance, NE 69301	Monday-Friday 8a-5p
Banner County Public Schools	200 School Street Harrisburg, NE 69345	
Bayard Public Library	509 Ave A Bayard, NE 69334	Tuesday-Friday 10a-4p, Saturday 9a-12p
Bridgeport Public Library	722 Main St Bridgeport, NE 69336	Tuesday & Thursday 9a-7p, Wednesday & Friday 9a-5p, Saturday 9a-2p
Chadron Public Library	507 Bordeaux Chadron, NE 69337	Monday-Thursday 9a-6:45p, Friday & Saturday 12p-5p
Chappell Memorial Library & Art Gallery	289 Babcock Ave Chappell, NE 69129	Tuesday & Thursday 12p-5:30p, Saturday 9a-12p
City of Big Springs	403 Pine Street Big Springs, NE 69122	Monday, Wednesday, Friday 8:30a-1p, Tuesday & Thursday 8:30a-4:30p

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Crawford Public Library	601 2nd Ave Crawford, NE 69339	Tuesday-Thursday 1p-6p, Friday & Saturday 10a-3p
Dalton Points West Bank	301 Main St Dalton, NE 69131	Monday-Friday 8:30a-4p
Farm to Family Cooperative	127 Main Street Hay Springs, NE 69347	Monday-Friday: 7a-7p, Saturday: 9a-2p
Gering Public Library	1055 P Gering, NE 69341	Monday & Thursday 9a-7p, Saturday 10a-5p
Gordon City Library	101 W 5th St Gordon, NE	Monday-Thursday 11a-5:30p, Saturday 10a-3p
Grant County Library	105 E Harrison St Hyannis, NE 69350	Wednesday 1p-5p, Friday 8a-12p & 1p- 5p
Hemingford Public Library	812 Box Butte Hemingford, NE 69348	Tuesday & Wednesday 12p-6p, Thursday 9a-12p, Friday 12p-5p, Saturday 9a-12p
Kimball Public Library	208 S Walnut Kimball, NE 69145	Monday, Wednesday, Friday 10a-5:30p, Tuesday, Thursday 12p-6p
Lyman Library	313 Jeffers Lyman, NE	Monday 3p-11p, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 9a-12p, Friday 10a-12p, Saturday 9a-12p
Mitchell Public Library	1447 Center Ave Mitchell, NE 69357	Monday-Thursday 11a-5:30p, Friday & Saturday 11a-5p
Morrill Public Library	119 E Webster Morrill, NE 69358	Monday & Thursday 1p-7p, Tuesday & Wednesday 1p-5:30p, Friday 9a-5:30p
Nancy Fawcett Memorial Library	724 Oberfelder Lodgepole, NE 483-5714	Monday-Thursday 2p-6p
Oshkosh Public Library	307 W 1st Oshkosh, NE 69154	Monday 10a-6p, Tuesday-Friday 12:30p- 5:30p
Rushville Public Library	207 Sprague Rushville, NE 69360	Monday-Friday 10a-6p
Sidney Public Library	1112 12th Ave Sidney, NE 69162	Monday-Friday 10a-6p, Saturday 9a-5p

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Sioux County Public Library	182 W 3rd Harrison NE 69346	Monday 9a-12p & 1p-5p, Tuesday & Wednesday 1p-5pm, Thursday 3:30p-6:30p, Friday 9a-1p, Saturday 9a-12p
Village of Dix	119 Myrtle Dix, NE 69133	Monday-Friday 8a-12p
Volunteers of America	305 Main Street Lewellen, NE 69147	Monday-Friday 8a-5p
Western Community Health Resources	619 Box Butte Ave Alliance, NE 69301	Monday-Thursday 8a-5p
Western Community Health Resources	300 Shelton St. Chadron, NE 69337	Monday-Friday 8a-5p

In addition to the local test kits available, Panhandle residents can also order four, free at-home COVID tests at [COVIDtests.gov](https://COVIDtests.gov) or by calling 1-800-232-0233. Orders will usually ship in 7-12 days. Current COVID testing access can also be found at <http://pphd.org/COVID-19.html>.

Unified Command confirms 41 more cases of COVID in the Panhandle.

<b>All Ages: 41</b>	
Region	Cases
Banner	0
Box Butte	11
Cheyenne	9
Dawes	1
Deuel	0
Garden	2
Grant	0
Kimball	4
Morrill	2
Scotts Bluff	12
Sheridan	0
Sioux	0

**March 2, 2020-March 2, 2022**

- **Positive: 19,611**
- **Last week's cases (cases/100,000): 47.53**
- **Last 7-day cases: 41**
- **Last week's positivity rate: 4.7%**
- **Deaths: 288**

- **Deaths Pending Verification: 22**
- **Active Hospitalizations: 6**
- **Total Cumulative Hospitalizations: 887**

COVID vaccine is widely available across the Panhandle for individuals age 5 and over, there are no out-of-pocket expenses. COVID vaccine for children six months to four years of age will be available in the coming weeks.

Everyone age 12 and older is recommended to get a COVID booster shot at least two months after a 1-dose vaccine, Johnson & Johnson, or at least five months after a 2-dose vaccine, Pfizer or Moderna.

- **Box Butte/Grant:** <https://tinyurl.com/25mwaapu> | [safeway.com](https://www.safeway.com)
  - Walk-ins welcome
  - Dave's Pharmacy Hemingford & Alliance, Monday-Friday, 8 AM - 5:30 PM
  - Alliance Community Pharmacy, Monday-Friday, 7:30 AM - 6 PM
- **Cheyenne/Deuel:** <https://tinyurl.com/5b5uac8p> | [walmart.com](https://www.walmart.com) | [safeway.com](https://www.safeway.com)
  - Walk-ins welcome
- **Dawes/Sioux:** <https://tinyurl.com/x5d5nnbn> | [walmart.com](https://www.walmart.com) | [safeway.com](https://www.safeway.com)
  - Walk-ins welcome Western Community Health Resources, Monday-Friday, 12:30 PM - 1:30 PM, Call 308-432-8979 to schedule an appointment outside these hours.
- **Garden:** To schedule an appointment, call (308) 772-3283.
  - Regional West Garden County Clinic, Monday-Friday, 8 AM - 5 PM
- **Kimball:** <https://tinyurl.com/d2u8txrs>
  - Walk-ins welcome Kimball Health Services, Monday-Friday, 8 AM - 4:30 PM
- **Morrill:** Call to schedule an appointment
  - Walk-ins welcome
  - Morrill County Hospital Clinic (Bridgeport), Thursdays, 8 AM - 4:30 PM call 308-262-1755
  - Chimney Rock Medical Center (Bayard), Tuesdays, 8 AM - 4:30 PM call 308-586-1717
- **Sheridan:** <https://tinyurl.com/cvrmkv38>
  - Walk-ins welcome
  - Gordon Rural Health Clinic, Monday-Friday, 8:30 AM - 11:30 AM and 1 PM - 4 PM
- **Scotts Bluff/Banner:** <https://tinyurl.com/hkw7wk2p> | [walmart.com](https://www.walmart.com) | [safeway.com](https://www.safeway.com) | [walgreens.com](https://www.walgreens.com)
  - Walk-ins welcome
  - Gering CAPWN Health Center, Monday-Friday, 9 AM-12 PM & 1 PM-4 PM
  - Scotts Bluff County Immunization Clinic, 313 W 38th St, Monday-Friday, 9:30 AM-5:30 PM
  - Guadalupe Center 2nd Saturday of each month 8 AM-10 AM

If you are homebound or have a condition that makes it hard for you to access a COVID vaccine, Call Vianey Zitterkopf, RN at 308-430-8390 or Janet Felix, LPN at 308-672-4653. If you have lost your COVID vaccine card, go to <https://tinyurl.com/2zh7uhhu>.

The Panhandle COVID dashboard is available at [www.pphd.org](http://www.pphd.org). The state COVID dashboard is available at <https://tinyurl.com/ufj9fcuf>. For the most up to date information from the CDC, visit <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>.

Panhandle Public Health District, Region 21, 22, and 23 Emergency Management, and Scotts Bluff County Health Department are working as a unified command on this evolving situation. Essential updates will be regularly communicated to the public and community partners.

Panhandle Public Health District is working together to improve the health, safety, and quality of life for all who live, learn, work, and play in the Panhandle. Our vision is that we are a healthier and safer Panhandle Community. Visit our website [www.pphd.org](http://www.pphd.org).