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Be ready for spring and summer activities by getting your COVID shot, self-scheduling is available

Panhandle residents 18 and older can self-schedule for their COVID vaccine with two easy steps:

- Register on the vaccinate.ne.gov website.
- For the corresponding counties, pick a location, day, and time that works for you. Dates and times will be added to the links as they are made available.
 - **Box Butte/Grant:** <https://tinyurl.com/25mwaapu>
 - **Cheyenne/Deuel:** <https://tinyurl.com/5b5uac8p>
 - **Dawes/Sioux:** <https://tinyurl.com/x5d5nnbn> or walmart.com
 - **Garden:** sign up at vaccinate.ne.gov – a provider will call you
 - **Kimball:** <https://tinyurl.com/d2u8txrs>
 - **Morrill:** <https://tinyurl.com/sb8mvumm>
 - **Sheridan:** <https://tinyurl.com/cvrmkv38>
 - **Scottsbluff/Banner:** <https://tinyurl.com/w6b84fkf> or walmart.com

The two steps are encouraged to ease the vaccine process. Residents can easily get vaccinated this week. There is no charge for the vaccine. For the Moderna shot, the second dose is needed to produce the best immunity results. Johnson and Johnson (one dose) is widely available throughout the Panhandle. Don't wait, if you are 18 or older, it's your turn.

Vaccines are one of the single greatest achievements in public health, be sure to get your COVID shot when it's your turn. People who are fully COVID vaccinated will not be required to quarantine due to close contact. If you have lost your COVID vaccine card, go to <https://tinyurl.com/2zh7uhhu>.

Unified Command confirms 18 more cases of COVID in the Panhandle since last reporting on Monday, March 29. The investigations are underway, all close contacts will be quarantined.

All Ages: 18

County Cases

Banner	0
Box Butte	1
Cheyenne	1
Dawes	2
Deuel	0
Garden	0
Grant	1
Kimball	0
Morrill	1
Scotts Bluff	9
Sheridan	3
Sioux	0

Exposure Type	
Community	61%
Close Contact	28%
Travel	0%
Under Investigation	11%

March 2, 2020-April 5, 2021

- **Total Tests Conducted: 36,793**
- **Positive: 8,912**
- **Last 14 days (active) cases: 85**
- **Last week’s cases: 18**
- **Last week’s positivity rate: 4.48%**
- **Deaths: 191**
- **Active Hospitalizations: 0**
- **Total Cumulative Hospitalizations: 536**
- **Doubling time (November 15, 2020 – April 5, 2021): 141 days**

Avoid the Three Cs:

- **Avoid Crowded Places** – Avoid gathering in groups where you cannot maintain 6-foot of distance from others
- **Avoid Close Contact** – Wear a mask over your nose and mouth or maintain 6-foot distance when you are spending more than 15 total minutes with people you don’t live with
- **Avoid Confined Spaces** – Avoid enclosed spaces with poor ventilation

Current COVID testing access can be found at www.pphd.org.

The Panhandle COVID dashboard is updated weekdays at 4:30 pm MT and available at www.pphd.org. 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.