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**Free drive-thru testing available in four Panhandle communities this week
Two more cases announced; Panhandle total: 220, Active: 83, Recovered: 135, Deaths: 2**

Free drive-thru testing will be available in four Panhandle locations this week:

- **Chadron:** Wednesday from 8am-Noon: Chadron Community Hospital, 825 Centennial Drive, testing will be on the west side of the building
- **Alliance:** Thursday from 8am-Noon: Alliance Fire Department, 315 Cheyenne Ave
- **Scottsbluff:** Friday & Saturday from 8am-Noon: Panhandle Public Health District, 18 W. 16th St
- **Sidney:** Sunday from 8am-Noon: Location to Be Announced

If you are experiencing symptoms currently, do not wait for testing, call your doctor, clinic, or our 24/7 line at 308-262-5764.

COVID-19 testing is now available at Community Action Health Center Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 7a-8a. Testing is open to those that are symptomatic or close contact to a positive case. Sign up today <https://tinyurl.com/Y8P6YU02>.

Unified Command confirms two new cases, they are as follows:

County	Demographics	Exposure Type
Scotts Bluff	Male in his 40s	Close Contact
Cheyenne	Female in her 50s	Community Spread

Close contact and exposure are defined as at least 15 minutes, less than six feet apart. There are no community exposure sites identified. The investigations are complete, all close contacts will be quarantined and actively monitored twice daily for fever and respiratory symptoms by public health officials.

Five cases have recovered in Scotts Bluff County bringing the total recoveries to 135.

March 2-June 16, 2020

Total Tests Conducted: 4,340

Positive: 220

Cumulative Positivity Rate: 5%

Recovered: 135

Active Cases: 83

Active Hospitalizations: 5

Total Cumulative Hospitalizations: 27

Deaths: 2

- **Banner County: 1 case (recovered)**
- **Box Butte County: 3 cases (1 active, 2 recovered)**
- **Cheyenne County: 12 cases (1 active, 11 recovered)**
- **Dawes County: 1 case (recovered)**
- **Garden County: 4 cases (recovered)**
- **Kimball County: 10 cases (10 recovered)**
- **Morrill County: 12 cases (2 active, 10 recovered)**
- **Scotts Bluff County: 176 Cases (78 active, 96 recovered, 2 deaths)**
- **Sioux County: 1 case (active)**

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.

For the most up to date information from the CDC, visit <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>.

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.