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“Let's fight together, moving forward together, and not lose one more death to COVID. You are worth it,” Mitchell resident Sylvia Flores Magdaleno.

Mitchell resident, Sylvia Flores Magdaleno, tragically lost her 41-year-old son to COVID in August. She recently shared a message with others in honor of her son Diego.

Diego was not vaccinated and since his death, her family, including grandchildren age 12 or older, have gotten vaccinated for COVID. Not just for Diego, but for themselves too.

“My heart is praying when hearing this message to go get vaccinated. With COVID case counts on the rise again, it is more important now than ever to obtain your vaccination. Don't be a statistic. Don't let your loved ones be a statistic,” Magdaleno pleaded.

She continued on, “My reality forever changed. Diego won't call me again. Diego won't text me again. I will never hear, ‘I love you Mom,’ again.”

“Yes, it may be scary or feel unsure but worse than that is planning a funeral. Get vaccinated. It saves lives and is free of charge,” Magdaleno shared. “Let's fight together, moving forward together, and not lose one more death to COVID. You are worth it.”

Diego Magdaleno leaves behind three children and a grandchild. Sylvia's message is accessible here: <https://www.powtoon.com/c/eFZOBEW23t/2/m>.

Vaccinations have protection against all known variants, including Delta. For anyone age 12 and older, please get vaccinated. COVID vaccine is widely available across the Panhandle and there is no charge for the vaccine.

- **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 (Pfizer 2 PM- 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**

- During COVID clinic hours visit <https://tinyurl.com/5b5uac8p> for days and hours
- **Dawes/Sioux:** <https://tinyurl.com/x5d5nnbn> | walmart.com | safeway.com
 - *Walk-ins welcome*
 - Western Community Health Resources, Monday-Friday, 12:30 PM - 1:30 PM
- **Garden: To schedule an appointment visit vaccinate.ne.gov - provider will call you**
 - *Walk-ins welcome*
 - Regional West Garden County Clinic Front Desk, 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:** <https://tinyurl.com/sb8mvumm>
 - *Walk-ins welcome*
 - Morrill County Hospital Clinic, Wednesdays, 8 AM - 4 PM
- **Sheridan:** <https://tinyurl.com/cvrmkv38>
 - *Walk-ins welcome*
 - Gordon Rural Health Clinic, Monday-Friday, 8:30 AM- 9:30 AM
- **Scotts Bluff/Banner:** <https://tinyurl.com/hkw7wk2p> | walmart.com | safeway.com | walgreens.com
 - *Walk-ins welcome*
 - Gering CAPWN Health Center, Monday-Friday, 9 AM-12 PM & 1 PM-4 PM
 - Scottsbluff County Immunization Clinic, Monday-Friday, 9:40 AM-12:30 PM & 1:30 PM-5:30 PM

If you are homebound or have a condition that makes it hard for you to access a COVID vaccine, please call Kim Engel at 308-633-2866 ext 101.

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 388 more cases of COVID in the Panhandle since last reporting on Monday, September 27.

| All Ages: 388 | |
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| County | Cases |
| Banner | 1 |
| Box Butte | 84 |
| Cheyenne | 40 |
| Dawes | 44 |
| Deuel | 1 |
| Garden | 4 |
| Grant | 5 |
| Kimball | 6 |

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| Morrill | 25 |
| Scotts Bluff | 152 |
| Sheridan | 21 |
| Sioux | 3 |
| Unknown | 2 |

| Exposure Type | |
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| Community | 45% |
| Close Contact | 32% |
| Travel | 0% |
| Under Investigation | 23% |

March 2, 2020-October 4, 2021

- Positive: 11,133
- *Last week's cases: (cases/100,000):
- *Last week's cases:
- *Last week's positivity rate:
- Deaths: 204
- Deaths Pending Verification: 10
- Active Hospitalizations: 25
- *Total Cumulative Hospitalizations:
- *Will be later updated on the PPHD dashboard available at www.pphd.org.

Avoid the Three Cs:

- Avoid Crowded Places – Avoid gathering in groups where you cannot maintain 6-feet of distance from others
- Avoid Close Contact – Wear a mask over your nose and mouth or maintain 6-feet 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 <http://pphd.org/COVID-19.html>.

The Panhandle COVID dashboard is available at 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.