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Directed Health Measure for June released today by Governor Ricketts

Two new cases of COVID-19, Panhandle total case count 89: 25 active, 64 recovered

Testing is still being offered in Scottsbluff on Friday, May 22 from 8-11 am and 3-6 pm at 18 West 16th Street in Scottsbluff. This is the Panhandle Public Health District office.

Complete the brief assessment at TestNebraska.com to determine if you are selected to be tested. Even if you are not initially offered a time slot, you may be invited upon availability. Please call 308-262-5764 if you do not have computer access and need assistance.

Unified Command confirms two new cases of COVID-19. Two Scotts Bluff County males; one in his 70's and one in his 40's. The investigations are underway.

March 2-May 21, 2020

Total Tests Completed: 2,143

Positive: 89

Deaths: 0

Recovered: 64

Active cases: 25

- Box Butte County: 1 case (recovered)
- Cheyenne County: 10 cases (2 active, 8 recovered)
- Dawes County: 1 case (recovered)
- Kimball County: 10 Cases (10 recovered)
- Morrill County: 10 Cases (5 active, 5 recovered)
- Scotts Bluff County: 57 Cases (18 active, 39 recovered)

Governor's Directed Health Measure announced today.

Effective Immediately

Travel Quarantine

- All individuals returning from international travel only will be required to quarantine upon returning to Nebraska for 14 days.
- The restriction will not apply to individuals traveling in connection with military service or in connection with employment at a health care facility.

No travel restrictions in place for travel in Nebraska or the United States.

Stays the same

Elective Medical and Dental Surgeries & Procedures

- Hospitals may continue elective surgeries and procedures if they maintain 30% general bed availability, 30% ICU bed availability, 30% ventilator availability, AND have a two-week supply of necessary PPE in their specific facility

Churches

- Will continue with six (6) foot separation rule and other guidelines issued on April 30th
 - Churches will need to ensure six feet of separation between different household units
 - No passing of any items amongst congregants

Daycare Facilities

- Will continue to have not more than 15 kids per room/space.
 - All other state provisions, statutes, regulations, including child to staff ratios, still apply

Restaurants

- Will be allowed to continue dine-in options if all of the following conditions are met:
 - Limited to 50% of rated occupancy maximum at a time
 - Six (6) feet separation between seating of different parties
 - Maximum of six (6) individuals in a dining party (groups larger than six (6) will need to split into multiple tables)

- Self-serve buffets and salad bars are prohibited. Restaurant staff must serve food directly to customers or implement buffet orders from the customer table. No customer self-service.
- Food may not be consumed at bar seating
- Games such as pool, darts, arcade games, etc. are prohibited

Changes starting June 1

Sports

- The State of Nebraska will utilize April 2008 American Academy of Pediatrics Classification of Sports According to Contact as guideline for opening sports of differing contact levels.
- Limited and Non-contact team sports including baseball, softball, and volleyball practices may begin June 1st
- Limited and Non-contact team sports including baseball, softball, and volleyball games may begin June 18th
- Rodeo events may also begin starting June 1st
- "June 1st Statewide Sports Reopening Guidelines" must be followed for both youth and adults
 - Rodeos are permitted to follow Gatherings DHM requirements
 - Schools gyms and weight rooms are permitted to follow gyms, fitness centers/clubs, health clubs, and health spas DHM requirements
- Contact sports like basketball, tackle football, soccer, wrestling, etc. remain prohibited

Bars, Bottle Clubs, & Gentlemen's Clubs

- Bars, bottle clubs, and gentlemen's clubs will be permitted to reopen if all of the following conditions are met:
 - Limited to 50% of rated occupancy maximum at a time
 - Patrons will be required to be seated while on premise unless they are placing an order or using the restroom
 - Six (6) feet separation between seating of different parties
 - Maximum of six (6) individuals in a party (groups larger than six (6) will need to split into multiple tables)
 - Food may not be consumed at bar seating
 - Games such as pool, darts, arcade games, etc. are prohibited

Gatherings

- Gatherings will be limited to the greater of 25 people (excluding staff) or 25% of rated occupancy (not to exceed 3,000) for gatherings held at:
 - Indoor or Outdoor Arenas, Indoor or Outdoor Auctions, Stadiums, Tracks, Fairgrounds, Festivals, Zoos, Auditoriums, Large Event Conference Rooms, Meeting Halls, Indoor Theaters, Libraries, Swimming Pools or any other confined indoor or outdoor space
 - Ticketing must be done in groups no larger than six (6) individuals
 - Six (6) feet separation between different ticketed groups must be maintained
- Parades, carnivals, midways, dances and street dances, beer gardens are prohibited through June 30th and may be extended.
 - Parades where patrons remain in their vehicles and the public does not line the streets are permitted.
 - Dance recitals are permitted but must follow the Gathering requirements
- Drive-in movie theaters may open at full capacity as long as patrons remain in/on their vehicles while viewing the movie and congregating at concession and restroom areas are not permitted.
- Plans for reopening must be submitted to the local health departments and approved for all indoor and outdoor locations/venues that hold 500 or more individuals (1,000 or more in counties over 500,000 population) before reopening is permitted. The reopening plan must contain planned number of guests, how the location will meet social distancing guidelines, and sanitation guidelines.

Gyms, Fitness Centers/Clubs, Health Clubs, & Health Spas

- Gyms, fitness centers/clubs, health clubs, and health spas will be limited to the greater of 25 people (excluding staff) or 50% of rated occupancy
- Will continue to need to ensure a minimum distance of six (6) be maintained between all patrons

Massage Therapy Services & Tattoo Parlors

- Massage therapy services and tattoo parlors/studios will increase to not more than 25 patrons or 50% of rated occupancy
 - Chairs/stations must remain at least six (6) feet apart
 - Both workers and patrons are still required in the DHM to wear masks at all times

Salons & Barber Shops

- Salons and barber shops will be permitted to operate at the greater of the following capacities:
 - 25 patrons, or
 - 50% of rated occupancy
- Chairs/stations must remain at least six (6) feet apart
- Both workers and patrons are still required in the DHM to wear masks at all times
 - An exception will be made for services provided by estheticians. Patrons will be permitted to remove their mask while receiving services directly. The mask must be worn by the patron at all other times while on the premise

Wedding & Funeral Reception Venues

- Limited to 50% of rated occupancy maximum at a time
 - Six (6) feet separation between seating of different parties
 - Maximum of six (6) individuals in a party (groups larger than six (6) will need to split into multiple tables)
 - Self-serve buffets and salad bars are prohibited. Venue staff must serve food directly to all individuals.
 - No dance or other social event that requires guests to gather outside of their respective tables are permitted.

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.