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Free drive-thru testing upcoming in Alliance, Scottsbluff, & Sidney

Eight more cases announced; Panhandle total: 228, Active: 87, Recovered: 139, Deaths: 2

Free drive-thru testing is coming up in three Panhandle locations this week:

- **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: Sidney Regional Medical Center, 1000 Pole Creek Crossing

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 available at Community Action Health Center Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 7am-8am. Testing is open to those that are symptomatic or close contact to a positive case. Sign up today <https://tinyurl.com/y7msahzq>.

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

County	Demographics	Exposure Type
Morrill	Female under 10	Close Contact
Morrill	Male in his 30s	Close Contact
Scotts Bluff	Female in her teens	Close Contact
Scotts Bluff	Female in her teens	Close Contact
Scotts Bluff	Female in her 20s	Unknown
Scotts Bluff	Female in her 20s	Close Contact
Scotts Bluff	Male in his 30s	Close Contact
Scotts Bluff	Male in his 50s	Close Contact

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.

Four cases have recovered, one in Box Butte County and three in Scotts Bluff County, bringing the total recoveries to 139.

March 2-June 17, 2020

Total Tests Conducted: 4,429

Positive: 228

Cumulative Positivity Rate: 5.1%

Recovered: 139

Active Cases: 87

Active Hospitalizations: 5

Total Cumulative Hospitalizations: 27

Deaths: 2

- **Banner County: 1 case (recovered)**
- **Box Butte County: 3 cases (recovered)**
- **Cheyenne County: 12 cases (1 active, 11 recovered)**
- **Dawes County: 1 case (recovered)**
- **Garden County: 4 cases (recovered)**
- **Kimball County: 10 cases (recovered)**
- **Morrill County: 14 cases (4 active, 10 recovered)**
- **Scotts Bluff County: 182 Cases (81 active, 99 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.