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**Free drive-thru testing upcoming in Scottsbluff & Sidney**

**Three more cases announced; Panhandle total: 231, Active: 87, Recovered: 142, Deaths: 2**

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

- **Scottsbluff:** Friday & Saturday from 8am-Noon: Panhandle Public Health District, 18 W. 16<sup>th</sup> St
- **Sidney:** Sunday from 8am-Noon: Sidney Regional Medical Center, 1000 Pole Creek Crossing

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 three new cases, they are as follows:

| County              | Demographics    | Exposure Type    |
|---------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| <b>Cheyenne</b>     | Male in his 30s | Community Spread |
| <b>Scotts Bluff</b> | Male in his 20s | Unknown          |
| <b>Scotts Bluff</b> | Male in his 70s | Unknown          |

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 underway, all close contacts will be quarantined and actively monitored twice daily for fever and respiratory symptoms by public health officials.

Three cases have recovered in Scotts Bluff County bringing the total recoveries to 142.

**March 2-June 18, 2020**

**Total Tests Conducted: 4,505**

**Positive: 231**

**Cumulative Positivity Rate: 5.1%**

**Recovered: 142**

**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: 13 cases (2 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: 184 Cases (80 active, 102 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](http://www.pphd.org).