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**Funding announced today for Nebraska charitable and provider organizations  
Twelve more cases announced; Panhandle total: 267, Active: 98, Recovered: 166, Deaths: 3**

Governor Ricketts announced today the Community Cares Program that will provide direct assistance in Nebraska to charitable and provider organizations who have experienced loss or increase in expenses. Three different grant opportunities will be provided for non-profits, behavioral health authorities and entities, childcare providers, licensed exempt subsidies, and centers of worship.

Information, guidelines and application information will be posted on DHHS website: <http://dhhs.ne.gov/Pages/covid-19-community-cares.aspx>.

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 twelve more cases of COVID-19 in the Panhandle:

County	Demographics	Exposure Type
Kimball	Female in her 50s	Unknown
Morrill	Female in her 20s	Close Contact
Morrill	Female in her 40s	Community Spread
Morrill	Males in his 30s	Community Spread
Morrill	Male in his 50s	Community Spread
Morrill	Male in his 50s	Community Spread
Scotts Bluff	Female in her 20s	Travel-Related
Scotts Bluff	Female in her 30s	Close Contact
Scotts Bluff	Male in his 30s	Close Contact
Scotts Bluff	Male in his 60s	Close Contact
Sioux	Male in his teens	Close Contact
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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.

One case has been deemed recovered in Morrill County bringing the total recoveries to 166.

**March 2-June 25, 2020**

**Total Tests Conducted: 5,123**

**Positive: 267**

**Cumulative Positivity Rate: 5.1%**

**Recovered: 166**

**Active Cases: 98**

**Active Hospitalizations: 6**

**Total Cumulative Hospitalizations: 32**

**Deaths: 3**

- **Banner County: 1 case (recovered)**
- **Box Butte County: 3 cases (recovered)**
- **Cheyenne County: 19 cases (7 active, 12 recovered)**
- **Dawes County: 2 cases (1 active, 1 recovered)**
- **Garden County: 4 cases (recovered)**
- **Kimball County: 11 cases (1 active, 10 recovered)**
- **Morrill County: 19 cases (8 active, 11 recovered)**
- **Scotts Bluff County: 203 cases (76 active, 124 recovered, 3 deaths)**
- **Sioux County: 5 cases (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).