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**Panhandle total: 363, Active: 66, Recovered: 292, Deaths: 5**

Unified Command confirms four more cases of COVID-19 in the Panhandle:

County	Demographics	Exposure Type
Deuel	Female in her 50s	Community Spread
Morrill	Male in his 60s	Community Spread
Scotts Bluff	Female in her 50s	Unknown
Scotts Bluff	Male in his 20s	Unknown

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 community exposure site has been announced at Cedar Lanes, 2605 11th Ave, Sidney. If you were at this business on July 8, 7:30-10:30 pm, monitor for symptoms and get tested if you begin experiencing any symptoms. The community exposure site is being announced because the positive case is not able to identify all close contacts while at that location.

Eleven new recoveries, two in Morrill County, eight in Scotts Bluff County, and one in Sheridan County, brings the total recoveries to 292.

**March 2-July 14, 2020**

**Total Tests Conducted: 6,183**

**Positive: 363**

**Cumulative Positivity Rate: 5.9%**

**Recovered: 292**

**Active Cases: 66**

**Active Hospitalizations: 5**

**Total Cumulative Hospitalizations: 38**

**Deaths: 5**

- **Banner County: 2 cases (recovered)**
- **Box Butte County: 4 cases (1 active, 3 recovered)**
- **Cheyenne County: 22 cases (2 active, 20 recovered)**
- **Dawes County: 4 cases (recovered)**
- **Deuel County: 1 case (active)**

- **Garden County: 4 cases (recovered)**
- **Kimball County: 15 cases (3 active, 12 recovered)**
- **Morrill County: 53 cases (2 active, 51 recovered)**
- **Scotts Bluff County: 244 cases (56 active, 183 recovered, 5 deaths)**
- **Sheridan County: 8 cases (1 active, 7 recovered)**
- **Sioux County: 6 cases (recovered)**

**Testing opportunities for the week of July 13:**

- Chadron Community Hospital: Mondays & Fridays, 7-9am
  - [Testnebraska.com](http://Testnebraska.com)
  - Collections are at 821 Morehead Street (Old Hospital ER Entrance next to Wilson Park)
- Community Action Health Center in Gering: Mondays, Wednesdays, & Fridays, 7-8am
  - <https://tinyurl.com/y7msahzq>
- Gordon Clinic parking lot: Thursday (7/16) 3-4pm
  - Call for an appointment: 308-282-6334 or 308-282-1442
  - There is no charge for this testing.
- Morrill County Community Hospital: Daily
  - Call for testing, insurance will be billed
- Contact your local hospital or clinic for information on testing access.

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).