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Delta variant remains a concern in the Panhandle and nationally, vaccines continue to be the best defense

The Delta variant was identified in the Panhandle in April. Cases with the variant have been increasing since this point. This variant has been found to be more contagious than other strains and anyone unvaccinated is at an increased risk. Protect yourself, your family, and your community by choosing to be COVID vaccinated today.

For any youth age 12 and older preparing to return to school, make sure getting your COVID vaccine is on the list. COVID vaccine is available across the Panhandle. There is no charge for the vaccine.

- **Box Butte/Grant:** <https://tinyurl.com/25mwaapu> | [safeway.com](https://www.safeway.com)
 - *Walk-ins welcome*
 - **Dave's Pharmacy: Hemingford & Alliance**, Monday-Friday, 8 AM - 5:30 PM
 - **Alliance Community Pharmacy**, Monday-Friday, 7:30 AM - 6 PM
- **Cheyenne/Deuel:** <https://tinyurl.com/5b5uac8p> | [walmart.com](https://www.walmart.com) | [safeway.com](https://www.safeway.com)
- **Dawes/Sioux:** <https://tinyurl.com/x5d5nnbn> | [walmart.com](https://www.walmart.com) | [safeway.com](https://www.safeway.com)
 - *Walk-ins welcome*
 - **Western Community Health Resources**, Monday-Friday, 12:30 PM - 1:30 PM
- **Garden:** To schedule an appointment visit vaccinate.ne.gov and a provider will call you
 - *Walk-ins welcome*
 - **Regional West Garden County Clinic Front Desk**, Monday-Friday, 8 AM - 5 PM
- **Kimball:** <https://tinyurl.com/d2u8txrs>
 - *Walk-ins welcome*
 - **Kimball Health Services**, Monday-Friday, 8 AM - 4:30 PM
- **Morrill:** <https://tinyurl.com/sb8mvumm>
 - *Walk-ins welcome*
 - **Morrill County Hospital Clinic**, Wednesdays, 8 AM - 4 PM
- **Sheridan:** <https://tinyurl.com/cvrmkv38>
 - *Walk-ins welcome*
 - **Gordon Rural Health Clinic**, Monday-Friday, 8:30 AM- 9:30 AM
- **Scotts Bluff/Banner:** <https://tinyurl.com/w6b84fkf> | [walmart.com](https://www.walmart.com) | [safeway.com](https://www.safeway.com) | [walgreens.com](https://www.walgreens.com)

- *Walk-ins welcome*
- **Gering CAPWN Health Center**, Monday-Friday, 9 AM-12 PM & 1 PM-4 PM
- **Scottsbluff County Immunization Clinic, 313 West 38th St., Scottsbluff**: Monday-Friday, 9:40 AM-12:30 PM & 1:30 PM-5:30 PM

People who are fully COVID vaccinated will not be required to quarantine due to close contact. If you have lost your COVID vaccine card, go to <https://tinyurl.com/2zh7uhhu>.

Unified Command confirms 51 more cases of COVID in the Panhandle since last reporting on Monday, July 12.

All Ages: 51

County	Cases
Banner	0
Box Butte	8
Cheyenne	17
Dawes	0
Deuel	0
Garden	0
Grant	0
Kimball	0
Morrill	1
Scotts Bluff	23
Sheridan	2
Sioux	0

Exposure Type

Community	35%
Close Contact	41%
Travel	0%
Under Investigation	12%

March 2, 2020-July 19, 2021

- **Total Tests Conducted: 40,514**
- **Positive: 9,286**
- **Last 14 days (active) cases: 87**
- **Last week's cases: 47**
- **Last week's positivity rate: 21.5%**
- **Deaths: 197**
- **Active Hospitalizations: 4**
- **Total Cumulative Hospitalizations: 563**

Nebraska ended the state testing program Test Nebraska on July 18, 2021. Current COVID testing access can be found at <http://pphd.org/COVID-19.html>.

The Panhandle COVID dashboard is updated on Mondays only prior to the 3:30pm MT briefing and available at www.pphd.org. For the most up to date information from the CDC, visit <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>.

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.

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.