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Be a wise information-seeker during the COVID-19 pandemic

Panhandle total: 387, Active: 74, Recovered: 308, Deaths: 5

Information is easily shareable and clickable nowadays but seeking reliable information from neutral and scientifically based sources is critical now more than ever. Data, statistics, and research is readily available at our fingertips but also can be false or inaccurate information intended to deceive the reader and create fear.

Do not fall victim to misinformation, there are many fact-checker websites or sources intended to dispel any misinformation and myths. Being a wise information-seeker will help keep you informed on important topics and a proactive citizen during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Unified Command confirms thirteen more cases of COVID-19 in the Panhandle since last Friday's report:

County	Demographics	Exposure Type
Box Butte	Male in his 20s	Unknown
Box Butte	Male in his 40s	Community Spread
Box Butte	Male in his 60s	Community Spread
Kimball	Male in his 50s	Community Spread
Scotts Bluff	Female in her 30s	Close Contact
Scotts Bluff	Female in her 70s	Close Contact
Scotts Bluff	Male under 10	Close Contact
Scotts Bluff	Male in his 30s	Community Spread
Scotts Bluff	5 - Males in their 50s	Close Contact

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

Ten new recoveries: one in Deuel County and nine in Scotts Bluff County, brings the total recoveries to 308.

March 2-July 20, 2020

Total Tests Conducted: 6,745

Positive: 387

Cumulative Positivity Rate: 5.6%

Recovered: 308

Active Cases: 74

Active Hospitalizations: 1

Total Cumulative Hospitalizations: 38

Deaths: 5

- **Banner County: 2 cases (recovered)**
- **Box Butte County: 8 cases (4 active, 4 recovered)**
- **Cheyenne County: 22 cases (1 active, 21 recovered)**
- **Dawes County: 4 cases (recovered)**
- **Deuel County: 1 case (recovered)**
- **Garden County: 4 cases (recovered)**
- **Kimball County: 17 cases (3 active, 14 recovered)**
- **Morrill County: 56 cases (5 active, 51 recovered)**
- **Scotts Bluff County: 259 cases (60 active, 194 recovered, 5 deaths)**
- **Sheridan County: 8 cases (1 active, 7 recovered)**
- **Sioux County: 6 cases (recovered)**

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.