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**Panhandle total: 397, Active: 72, Recovered: 318, Deaths: 5**

Be sure to submit event safety plans! Applications can be completed online for events with capacity to hold 500 or more at <https://tinyurl.com/ybr74v4c> and have the event approved to ensure organizers have the most up-to-date safety plans and procedures to reduce risk of spreading COVID-19.

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

County	Demographics	Exposure Type
Scotts Bluff	Female in her teens	Community Spread
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Scotts Bluff	Female in her 30s	Community Spread
Scotts Bluff	Female in her 40s	Community Spread
Scotts Bluff	Female in her 40s	Community Spread
Scotts Bluff	Female in her 50s	Close Contact
Scotts Bluff	Male in his teens	Community Spread
Scotts Bluff	Male in his 60s	Community Spread
Scotts Bluff	Male in his 70s	Close Contact

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

Seven new recoveries: six in Scotts Bluff County and one in Sheridan County, brings the total recoveries to 318.

**Testing opportunities for the week of July 20:**

- Chadron Community Hospital: Mondays & Fridays, 7-9am
  - [Testnebraska.com](https://testnebraska.com)
  - Collections are at 821 Morehead Street (Old Hospital ER Entrance next to Wilson Park)
- Community Action Health Center in Gering: Mondays, Wednesdays, & Thursdays, 7-8am
  - <https://tinyurl.com/y7msahzq>

- Morrill County Community Hospital: Daily
  - Call for testing, same day results, insurance will be billed
- Regional West Health Services: Monday-Friday, Noon-4pm
  - [Testnebraska.com](https://www.testnebraska.com)
  - This site is not currently showing up on the testing locations, but it is showing up as a testing option when completing the assessment.
- Increased testing through Test Nebraska to be coming soon to Alliance, Gordon, and Sidney!
- Contact your local hospital or clinic for information on testing access.

**March 2-July 22, 2020**

**Total Tests Conducted: 7,026**

**Positive: 397**

**Cumulative Positivity Rate: 5.7%**

**Recovered: 318**

**Active Cases: 74**

**Active Hospitalizations: 2**

**Total Cumulative Hospitalizations: 38**

**Deaths: 5**

- **Banner County: 2 cases (recovered)**
- **Box Butte County: 8 cases (4 active, 4 recovered)**
- **Cheyenne County: 22 cases (recovered)**
- **Dawes County: 4 cases (recovered)**
- **Deuel County: 1 case (recovered)**
- **Garden County: 4 cases (recovered)**
- **Kimball County: 17 cases (2 active, 15 recovered)**
- **Morrill County: 56 cases (5 active, 51 recovered)**
- **Scotts Bluff County: 269 cases (63 active, 201 recovered, 5 deaths)**
- **Sheridan County: 8 cases (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](http://www.pphd.org).