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**Panhandle Unified Command has reduced their briefings and news releases to twice-a-week, case reports are updated weekdays on their dashboard
Panhandle total: 674, Active: 74, Recovered: 594, Deaths: 6**

Reminder, Panhandle Unified Command has reduced their briefings and news releases to twice-a-week. Daily case information is still updated on the Panhandle dashboard weekdays by 4:30p at www.pphd.org. This can be found by hovering your cursor over the date on the Daily Confirmed Cases section or by hovering your cursor over a county for total cases, active, and recovered. If you want to find further details on a county, you can click on the specific county, and the corresponding data is provided on the dashboard.

Unified Command confirms 40 more cases of COVID in the Panhandle since last reporting on Monday, August 31. The investigations are underway, all close contacts will be quarantined and actively monitored for symptoms by public health officials.

Children 19 and under: 6		
County	Cases	Exposure Type
Dawes	4	Close Contact
Scotts Bluff	1	Community Spread
Sheridan	1	Community Spread

Adults: 34		
County	Cases	Exposure Type
Box Butte	6	Close Contact
Box Butte	1	Unknown
Cheyenne	1	Travel
Dawes	4	Close Contact
Dawes	4	Community Spread
Dawes	1	Unknown
Scotts Bluff	6	Close Contact
Scotts Bluff	4	Community Spread

Sheridan	3	Close Contact
Sheridan	3	Community Spread
Sioux	1	Community Spread

Unified Command confirms 42 more recoveries in the Panhandle:

Recovered: 42	
County	Total
Box Butte	1
Cheyenne	1
Dawes	17
Garden	2
Scotts Bluff	19
Sheridan	2

Testing information and access for the Panhandle area:

- You can sign up for the following free testing at [Testnebraska.com](https://www.testnebraska.com) or 402-207-9377:
 - Box Butte General Hospital in **Alliance**: Monday-Friday, 9-10am
 - Ambulance Bay on the east side of the emergency department, watch for the green arrows
 - **Chadron** Community Hospital: Mondays & Fridays, 7-9am
 - Collections are at 821 Morehead Street (Old Hospital ER Entrance next to Wilson Park)
 - **Other testing opportunities for symptomatic patients may be available through the hospital as ordered by your Primary Care Practitioner, call the hospital at 747-2466 with questions.**
 - **Gordon** Memorial Hospital: Tuesdays & Thursdays, 2-4pm
 - Regional West Health Services in **Scottsbluff**: Monday-Friday, Noon-4pm
 - **Sidney** Regional Medical Center: Tuesdays & Thursday, 7-9am
- Community Action Health Center in **Gering**: Mondays, Wednesdays, & Thursdays, 7-8am
 - Testing is free, sign up at <https://tinyurl.com/ydxdx5mc>
- Morrill County Community Hospital in **Bridgeport**: Daily
 - Call 308-262-1616 for testing, same day results
- Contact your local hospital or clinic for information on testing access.

March 2-September 3, 2020

- **Total Tests Conducted: 11,777**
- **Positive: 674**
- **Cumulative Positivity Rate: 5.7%**
- **Recovered: 594**
- **Active Cases: 74**
- **Deaths: 6**
- **Active Hospitalizations: 6**

- **Total Cumulative Hospitalizations: 65**

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.