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Panhandle COVID cases rapidly rising

COVID cases continue to rapidly rise in the Panhandle. 775 more cases of COVID were confirmed with 176 additional cases reported since the dashboard was updated this morning. Children in the age range of 0-19 make up 28% of the overall COVID cases.

Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) State Epidemiologist Dr. Matthew Donahue and his team completed an in-depth analysis of vaccination rates correlated to hospitalizations.

The analysis concluded that individuals who received the vaccine, but not the booster were 11 times less likely to be hospitalized. More dramatically, individuals who got their booster shot were 46 times less likely to be hospitalized.

COVID vaccine is widely available across the Panhandle for individuals age 5 and over, there are no out-of-pocket expenses.

Everyone age 12 and older is recommended to get a COVID booster shot at least two months after a 1-dose vaccine, Johnson & Johnson, or at least five months after a 2-dose vaccine, Pfizer or Moderna.

- **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
 - Hyannis, Sandhills State Bank, 3p-6:30p, February 1, March 1
- **Cheyenne/Deuel:** <https://tinyurl.com/5b5uac8p> | [walmart.com](https://www.walmart.com) | [safeway.com](https://www.safeway.com)
 - Walk-ins welcome
 - Dalton Fire Hall 3p-6:30p, February 8
 - Big Springs Fire Hall 3p-4:30p & Chappell Fire Hall, 5p-6:30p, January 27, February 24
- **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, Call 308-432-8979 to schedule an appointment outside these hours.

- **Garden:** To schedule an appointment, call (308) 772-3283.
 - Regional West Garden County Clinic, 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:** Call to schedule an appointment
 - Walk-ins welcome
 - Morrill County Hospital Clinic (Bridgeport), Thursdays, 8 AM - 4:30 PM call 308-262-1755
 - Chimney Rock Medical Center (Bayard), Tuesdays, 8 AM - 4:30 PM call 308-586-1717
- **Sheridan:** <https://tinyurl.com/cvrmkv38>
 - Walk-ins welcome
 - Gordon Rural Health Clinic, Monday-Friday, 8:30 AM - 11:30 AM and 1 PM - 4 PM
- **Scotts Bluff/Banner:** <https://tinyurl.com/hkw7wk2p> | walmart.com | safeway.com | walgreens.com
 - Walk-ins welcome
 - Gering CAPWN Health Center, Monday-Friday, 9 AM-12 PM & 1 PM-4 PM
 - Scotts Bluff County Immunization Clinic, 313 W 38th St, Monday-Friday, 9:30 AM-5:30 PM
 - Guadalupe Center 2nd Saturday of each month 8 AM-10 AM

If you are homebound or have a condition that makes it hard for you to access a COVID vaccine, Call Vianey Zitterkopf, RN at 308-430-8390 or Janet Felix, LPN at 308-672-4653.

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>.

All Ages: 775	
Region	Cases
Banner	4
Box Butte	124
Cheyenne	92
Dawes	28
Deuel	6
Garden	10
Grant	3
Kimball	28
Morrill	56
Scotts Bluff	413
Sheridan	11
Sioux	0

March 2, 2020-January 19, 2022

- **Positive: 16,914**

- **Last week's cases (cases/100,000): 898.4**
- **Last 7-day cases: 775**
- **Last week's positivity rate: 16.6%**
- **Deaths: 270**
- **Deaths Pending Verification: 22**
- **Active Hospitalizations: 25**
- **Total Cumulative Hospitalizations: 784**

Current COVID testing access can be found at <http://pphd.org/COVID-19.html>.

The Panhandle COVID dashboard is available at www.pphd.org. The state COVID dashboard is available at <https://tinyurl.com/ufj9fcuf>. 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.