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Panhandle COVID cases continue to decline

Panhandle COVID cases reached an all-time high during the week of January 16 and continue to trend down since this peak. Unified Command confirms 164 more cases of COVID in the Panhandle.

All Ages: 164	
Region	Cases
Banner	1
Box Butte	14
Cheyenne	22
Dawes	3
Deuel	1
Garden	3
Grant	0
Kimball	3
Morrill	21
Scotts Bluff	93
Sheridan	3
Sioux	0

Seven new deaths have been reported with the age breakdown as follows:

- One - 50 to 59
- Two - 60 to 69
- Two - 70 to 79
- Two – 80+

This brings the total COVID deaths in the area since the beginning of the pandemic to 286. Twenty additional deaths are pending verification.

March 2, 2020-February 2, 2022

- **Positive: 19,252**

- **Last week's cases (cases/100,000): 190.1**
- **Last 7-day cases: 164**
- **Last week's positivity rate: 10.7%**
- **Deaths: 286**
- **Deaths Pending Verification: 20**
- **Active Hospitalizations: 14**
- **Total Cumulative Hospitalizations: 869**

Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) will be providing at-home COVID tests to Nebraska residents. Panhandle Public Health District is organizing locations in communities for easy access. Watch for an announcement with community locations.

Additionally, Panhandle residents can order four free at-home COVID tests at [COVIDtests.gov](https://www.covidtests.gov) or by calling 1-800-232-0233. Orders will usually ship in 7-12 days. Current COVID testing access can also be found at <http://pphd.org/COVID-19.html>.

COVID vaccine is widely available across the Panhandle for individuals age 5 and over, there are no out-of-pocket expenses. COVID vaccine for children six months to four years of age will be available in the coming weeks.

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, March 1
- **Cheyenne/Deuel:** <https://tinyurl.com/5b5uac8p> | [walmart.com](https://www.walmart.com) | [safeway.com](https://www.safeway.com)
 - Walk-ins welcome
 - Big Springs Fire Hall 3p-4:30p & Chappell Fire Hall, 5p-6:30p, 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. If you have lost your COVID vaccine card, go to <https://tinyurl.com/2zh7uhhu>.

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.