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Sheridan County Jail responds to presumed COVID-19 positive case

Sheridan County jail recently had a detained individual that is a presumed COVID-19 positive case. The individual is now self-isolating at home.

In accordance with the jail's response plan, no additional people will be brought into the jail only diverted to another jail until the situation stabilizes. All currently detained individuals will be safely monitored for symptoms and increased safety precautions, while any staff potentially exposed or deemed a close contact will be self-quarantining.

"Sheridan County jail is working closely with health officials to keep everyone safe and healthy. We are being especially careful with staff and detainees to monitor symptoms, increase handwashing and sanitizing, staying at least six feet away from others, and wear a mask whenever possible," said the Sheridan County Jail Supervisor.

If anyone is experiencing any of the following: cough, fever, shortness of breath, sore throat, runny nose, body chills, headache, loss of taste or smell, nausea, vomiting, or diarrhea, immediately call your local doctor, clinic, or our 24/7 line at 308-262-5764. We all have a part in the important prevention of COVID-19.

Anyone can sign up for free testing at [Testnebraska.com](https://www.testnebraska.com) or 402-207-9377, offered in Gordon:

- Gordon Memorial Hospital: Tuesdays & Thursdays, 2-4pm

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>.

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