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**Free testing offered Sunday in Sidney from 8am-Noon; Four more cases announced  
Panhandle total: 178, Active: 90, Recovered: 88**

Drive-thru testing was offered in Chadron, Alliance, and Scottsbluff earlier this week and Oshkosh today. Results from the 28 tests in Alliance were received today and all were negative, 114 tests were received from the Scottsbluff results with one positive. Three additional positives were confirmed from normal testing procedures.

The four confirmed cases are as follows:

County	Demographics	Exposure Type
Scotts Bluff County	Female child under 10	Close contact
Scotts Bluff County	Female in her teens	Close contact
Scotts Bluff County	Female in her 20s	Community exposure
Scotts Bluff County	Female in her 40s	Close contact

The remaining Panhandle location for drive-thru testing will be offered in **Sidney**: 8 a.m. to noon Sunday at the old Wheatbelt Building, 2103 Illinois Street.

Complete the brief assessment at [TestNebraska.com](https://testnebraska.com) to determine if you are selected to be tested. Even if you are not initially offered a time slot, take the assessment again. Please call 308-262-5764 if you do not have computer access and need assistance.

COVID-19 testing will be available starting next week at Community Action Health Center Monday, Wednesday, Friday from 7a-8a. Testing is open to those that are symptomatic or have been exposed to someone who has tested positive. Sign up today <https://tinyurl.com/Y8P6YU02>.

Increased COVID-19 testing is an important piece to finding the virus and keeping people, families, and communities safe from disease spread.

Exposure is defined as at least 15 minutes, less than six feet apart. There are no community exposure sites identified. The investigations are complete, all close contacts will be quarantined and actively monitored twice daily for fever and respiratory symptoms by public health officials.

**March 2-June 6, 2020**

**Positive: 178**

**Cumulative Positivity Rate: 5%**

**Recovered: 88**

**Active Cases: 90**

**Active Hospitalizations: 6**

**Total Cumulative Hospitalizations: 22**

**Deaths: 0**

- **Box Butte County: 2 cases (2 recovered)**
- **Cheyenne County: 11 cases (2 active, 9 recovered)**
- **Dawes County: 1 case (recovered)**
- **Garden County: 4 cases (active)**
- **Kimball County: 10 cases (10 recovered)**
- **Morrill County: 11 cases (1 active, 10 recovered)**
- **Scotts Bluff County: 139 Cases (83 active, 56 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).