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**Panhandle total: 365, Active: 66, Recovered: 294, Deaths: 5**

As many county fairs are coming up, we want to remind event organizers and volunteers we are still in phase three of the Governor’s Directed Health Measure. This means parades, carnivals, midways, dances (excluding dance recitals), street dances, and beer gardens are prohibited.

It remains incredibly important that we maintain compliance with the measure not only because it is an enforceable offense but everything we can do to keep case counts and hospitalizations low is the key to communities moving forward during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The full Governor’s Directed Health Measure for the Panhandle can be found here: <http://pphd.org/COVID-19.html>.

Unified Command confirms two more case of COVID-19 in the Panhandle:

County	Demographics	Exposure Type
Morrill	Female in her 40s	Community Spread
Scotts Bluff	Male in his 30s	Community Spread

The investigations are complete, all close contacts will be quarantined and actively monitored twice daily for fever and respiratory symptoms by public health officials.

Two new recoveries in Scotts Bluff County bring the total recoveries to 294.

**March 2-July 15, 2020**

**Total Tests Conducted: 6,250**

**Positive: 365**

**Cumulative Positivity Rate: 5.8%**

**Recovered: 294**

**Active Cases: 66**

**Active Hospitalizations: 4**

**Total Cumulative Hospitalizations: 38**

**Deaths: 5**

- **Banner County: 2 cases (recovered)**
- **Box Butte County: 4 cases (1 active, 3 recovered)**
- **Cheyenne County: 22 cases (2 active, 20 recovered)**

- **Dawes County: 4 cases (recovered)**
- **Deuel County: 1 case (active)**
- **Garden County: 4 cases (recovered)**
- **Kimball County: 15 cases (3 active, 12 recovered)**
- **Morrill County: 54 cases (3 active, 51 recovered)**
- **Scotts Bluff County: 245 cases (55 active, 185 recovered, 5 deaths)**
- **Sheridan County: 8 cases (1 active, 7 recovered)**
- **Sioux County: 6 cases (recovered)**

**Testing opportunities for the week of July 13:**

- Chadron Community Hospital: Mondays & Fridays, 7-9am
  - [Testnebraska.com](https://www.testnebraska.com)
  - Collections are at 821 Morehead Street (Old Hospital ER Entrance next to Wilson Park)
- Community Action Health Center in Gering: Mondays, Wednesdays, & Thursdays, 7-8am
  - <https://tinyurl.com/y7msahzq>
- Gordon Clinic parking lot: Thursday (7/16) 3-4pm
  - Call for an appointment: 308-282-6334 or 308-282-1442
  - There is no charge for this testing.
- Morrill County Community Hospital: Daily
  - Call for testing, insurance will be billed
- Contact your local hospital or clinic for information on testing access.

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).