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Practice important COVID-19 prevention over weekend activities

Panhandle total: 374, Active: 71, Recovered: 298, Deaths: 5

Find weekend activities that allow for practicing the important COVID-19 prevention:

- Stay at least six feet away from others.
- Wear a mask.
- Wash or sanitize your hands frequently.
- Stay home if you are experiencing any of the following symptoms: cough, fever, shortness of breath, sore throat, body chills, headache, loss of taste or smell, nausea, vomiting, or diarrhea.
- If you are at risk of developing complications from COVID-19, please use extra caution.

We are all in this together! Thank you for doing your part.

Unified Command confirms five more cases of COVID-19 in the Panhandle:

County	Demographics	Exposure Type
Box Butte	Male in his 60s	Community Spread
Morrill	Female in her 60s	Close Contact
Morrill	Male in his 70s	Close Contact
Scotts Bluff	Female in her 70s	Close Contact
Scotts Bluff	Male in his 40s	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.

Three new recoveries: one in Box Butte County, one in Cheyenne County, and one in Kimball County, brings the total recoveries to 298.

March 2-July 17, 2020

Total Tests Conducted: 6,298

Positive: 374

Cumulative Positivity Rate: 5.9%

Recovered: 298

Active Cases: 71

Active Hospitalizations: 2

Total Cumulative Hospitalizations: 38

Deaths: 5

- **Banner County: 2 cases (recovered)**
- **Box Butte County: 5 cases (1 active, 4 recovered)**
- **Cheyenne County: 22 cases (1 active, 21 recovered)**
- **Dawes County: 4 cases (recovered)**
- **Deuel County: 1 case (active)**
- **Garden County: 4 cases (recovered)**
- **Kimball County: 16 cases (2 active, 14 recovered)**
- **Morrill County: 56 cases (5 active, 51 recovered)**
- **Scotts Bluff County: 250 cases (60 active, 185 recovered, 5 deaths)**
- **Sheridan County: 8 cases (1 active, 7 recovered)**
- **Sioux County: 6 cases (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.