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**Stay safe at the voting polls on Election Day**

**Panhandle total: 2,780; Active: 1,241; Recovered: 1,586; Deaths: 16**

There are steps you can take to help you vote and minimize your risk during the COVID pandemic. The more prepared you are, the less time you may have to spend at the voting site.

When voting, protect yourself and others:

- Keep a distance of at least 6 feet away from other people
- Wear a mask
- Bring your own pen
- Wash or sanitize your hands

Unified Command confirms 534 more cases of COVID in the Panhandle and 159 recoveries since last reporting on Thursday, October 29. The investigations are underway, all close contacts will be quarantined.

All Ages: 534		Recovered: 159	
County	Cases	County	Cases
Banner	0	Banner	2
Box Butte	28	Box Butte	38
Cheyenne	26	Cheyenne	13
Dawes	34	Dawes	17
Deuel	4	Deuel	2
Garden	9	Garden	4
Grant	1	Grant	1
Kimball	11	Kimball	1
Morrill	23	Morrill	8
Scotts Bluff	378	Scotts Bluff	66
Sheridan	19	Sheridan	6
Sioux	1	Sioux	1

Exposure Type	
Community	18%
Close Contact	26%
Travel	0%

**Under  
Investigation**

**55%**

### **Testing information and access for the Panhandle area:**

- You can sign up for the following free testing at [Testnebraska.com](https://www.testnebraska.com) or 402-207-9377:
  - Box Butte General Hospital in **Alliance**: Monday-Friday, 9-10am
    - 212 East 24th Street, former Kiddie Kampus pre-school building.
  - **Chadron** Community Hospital: Mondays & Fridays, 7-9am
    - 821 Morehead Street (Old Hospital ER Entrance next to Wilson Park)
    - **Other testing opportunities for symptomatic patients may be available through the hospital as ordered by your Primary Care Practitioner, call the hospital at 747-2466 with questions.**
  - **Gordon** Memorial Hospital: Tuesdays & Thursdays, 2-4pm
  - Regional West Health Services in **Scottsbluff**: Tuesdays & Fridays, 1pm-4pm; Call 308-630-2100 for other testing opportunities for symptomatic patients.
  - **Sidney** Regional Medical Center: Tuesdays & Thursday, 7-9am
- Community Action Health Center in **Gering**: Tuesdays, Wednesdays, & Thursdays, 7-8am
  - Testing is free, sign up at <https://tinyurl.com/yydxr5mc>
- Alliance Community Pharmacy in **Alliance**: Monday-Friday, 7:30am-6pm; Saturday-Sunday, 9am-5pm
  - For people experiencing symptoms, same day results. Call 308-629-1045 for appointment, fee is \$105.
- Morrill County Community Hospital in **Bridgeport**: Daily
  - Call 308-262-1616 for testing, same day results, insurance can be billed.
- Contact your local hospital or clinic for information on testing access.

### **March 2-November 2, 2020**

- **Total Tests Conducted: 20,349**
- **Positive: 2,780**
- **Cumulative Positivity Rate: 13.7%**
- **Recovered: 1,586**
- **Active Cases: 1,241**
- **Deaths: 16**
- **Active Hospitalizations: 64**
- **Total Cumulative Hospitalizations: 198**

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).