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Nine new COVID-19 cases confirmed; Panhandle total positive count 100

As our state continues adhering to social distancing guidelines and limiting in-person gatherings to flatten the curve of COVID-19, we invite you to join a virtual celebration on Memorial Day by tuning in online. Join virtually on Monday, May 25th, for Nebraska's largest Memorial Day celebration with the fewest people present in the room. The event, Nebraska's Memorial Day Observance 2020, can be found on Facebook for updates.

Unified Command confirms nine new cases for COVID-19 in the Panhandle. The case details are as follows:

County	Demographics	Exposure Type
Box Butte County	Male in his 20s	Close contact of a previously positive case
Scotts Bluff County	Male in his 70s	Community Spread
Scotts Bluff County	Male in his 60s	Community Spread
Scotts Bluff County	Male in his 50s	Close contact of a previously positive case
Scotts Bluff County	Female in her 40's	Close contact of a previously positive case
Scotts Bluff County	Female in her 50's	Close contact of a previously positive case
Scotts Bluff County	Female in her 30's	Close contact of a previously positive case
Scotts Bluff County	Female in her 50's	Community Spread
Scotts Bluff County	Female in her 40's	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. There are no community exposure sites identified. Exposure is defined as at least 10 minutes, less than six feet apart.

March 2-May 24, 2020

- **Positive: 100**
- **Deaths: 0**
- **Recovered: 66**
- **Active cases: 34**

Box Butte County: 2 cases (1 active, 1 recovered)

Cheyenne County: 10 cases (1 active, 9 recovered)

Dawes County: 1 case (recovered)

Kimball County: 10 Cases (10 recovered)

Morrill County: 10 Cases (5 active, 5 recovered)

Scotts Bluff County: 67 Cases (27 active, 40 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.