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**Investigation details released to the public for the Cheyenne County case announced this past weekend, no community exposure locations identified**

Unified Command confirmed a second positive for COVID-19 in Cheyenne County on Saturday, April 11. The case was a female in her 60s and she has been isolating in her home since April 3.

The investigation for the case in Cheyenne County confirmed on April 11 is complete. Close contacts have been quarantined and are being actively monitored twice daily for fever and respiratory symptoms by public health officials. Contacts that are currently showing symptoms are being tested.

In this continually evolving situation, we have updated guidance that exposure is defined as at least 10 minutes, less than six feet apart. With this updated information, there are no more additional community exposure locations to report or list on our website.

Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services is releasing updated numbers daily at 5pm MT/6 pm CT. Due to the timing of when information is released, sometimes numbers may not completely match with the numbers being issued by Panhandle Unified Command.

Additionally, a person may actually reside in another state, but still show a Nebraska address. Those numbers will show up in Nebraska until the correction is made by the state. Unified Command communicates this information without providing privacy details only for the safety of Panhandle residents.

An example of this happened on Sunday in Cheyenne County when the number jumped from two to three. Upon review, it was determined the person was not tested in the Panhandle and has not been in the Panhandle for almost a year. This case was removed from the statewide map.

***All Panhandle residents are encouraged to Stay Home, Stay Healthy, Stay Connected.*** What does this mean to you?

**Stay Home**

- Stay home whenever possible.
- Avoid gathering in any groups.

- Do not visit or host people who do not live with you.

**Stay Healthy**

- Keep at least 6 feet distance from anyone you don't live with.
- Wash your hands
- Stay home if you are sick or if someone in your home is sick.

**Stay Connected**

- Stay in touch with friends and loved ones
- Check in on people who may be alone or need help.

The full list of community exposure locations can be found on the PPHD website [http://www.pphd.org/potential\\_community\\_exposure\\_sites.html](http://www.pphd.org/potential_community_exposure_sites.html).

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).