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Keep safe at summer events and gatherings

Three more cases announced; Panhandle total: 255, Active: 87, Recovered: 165, Deaths: 3

As more summer events and gatherings are being offered, remaining especially careful with the important prevention strategies is critical:

- Stay at least six feet away from others when there. Exposure is considered less than six feet for 15 minutes or more. Social distancing is one of the best prevention strategies we have against this virus.
- Wear a mask when social distancing is not possible or when in public spaces or areas.
- Frequent handwashing or sanitizing is critical.
- Monitor your symptoms and DO NOT attend events if you have any symptoms. Call your doctor, clinic, or our 24/7 line at 308-262-5764 before going anywhere if you are experiencing any of the following: cough, fever, shortness of breath, sore throat, body chills, headache, loss of taste or smell, nausea, vomiting, or diarrhea.
- Consider options to attend virtually or not attend if you are over 60 or have any underlying health conditions.

Don't forget, if you are planning or hosting an event or gathering, you are welcome to complete the following form: <https://tinyurl.com/ybr74v4c>. It is mandatory if there will be more than 500 people.

COVID-19 testing is available at Community Action Health Center: Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 7am-8am. Testing is open to those that are symptomatic or close contact to a positive case. Sign up today <https://tinyurl.com/y7msahzq>.

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

County	Demographics	Exposure Type
Scotts Bluff	Female in her 40s	Unknown
Scotts Bluff	Male in his 40s	Community Spread
Scotts Bluff	Male in his 40s	Close Contact

Close contact and exposure are defined as at least 15 minutes, less than six feet apart. There are no community exposure sites identified. The investigations are underway, all close contacts

will be quarantined and actively monitored twice daily for fever and respiratory symptoms by public health officials.

Ten cases have been deemed recovered, one in Cheyenne County and nine in Scotts Bluff County, bringing the total recoveries to 165.

March 2-June 24, 2020

Total Tests Conducted: 5,087

Positive: 255

Cumulative Positivity Rate: 5%

Recovered: 165

Active Cases: 87

Active Hospitalizations: 7

Total Cumulative Hospitalizations: 29

Deaths: 3

- **Banner County: 1 case (recovered)**
- **Box Butte County: 3 cases (recovered)**
- **Cheyenne County: 19 cases (7 active, 12 recovered)**
- **Dawes County: 2 cases (1 active, 1 recovered)**
- **Garden County: 4 cases (recovered)**
- **Kimball County: 10 cases (recovered)**
- **Morrill County: 14 cases (4 active, 10 recovered)**
- **Scotts Bluff County: 199 cases (72 active, 124 recovered, 3 deaths)**
- **Sioux County: 3 cases (3 active)**

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.