

June 26, 2020

For immediate release

For more information, contact: Kim Engel, Director, 308-760-2415, kengel@pphd.org

Twelve more cases announced; Panhandle total: 279, Active: 106, Recovered: 170, Deaths: 3

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 <u>https://tinyurl.com/y7msahzq</u>.

County	Demographics	Exposure Type
Morrill	Female in her 30s	Community Spread
Morrill	Male in his 20s	Close Contact
Morrill	Male in his 30s	Community Spread
Morrill	Male in his 40s	Community Spread
Morrill	Male in his 50s	Community Spread
Morrill	Male in his 50s	Community Spread
Scotts Bluff	Female in her 30s	Close Contact
Scotts Bluff	Male in his 40s	Close Contact
Scotts Bluff	Male in his 80s	Close Contact
Sheridan	Female in her 50s	Community Spread
Sheridan	Female in her 50s	Community Spread
Sioux	Male in his teens	Close Contact

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

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.

Four cases have been deemed recovered, one in Cheyenne County, one in Dawes County, and two in Sioux County, bringing the total recoveries to 170.

March 2-June 26, 2020 Total Tests Conducted: 5,172 Positive: 279 Cumulative Positivity Rate: 5.3% Recovered: 170 Active Cases: 106 Active Hospitalizations: 6 Total Cumulative Hospitalizations: 33 Deaths: 3

- Banner County: 1 case (recovered)
- Box Butte County: 3 cases (recovered)
- Cheyenne County: 19 cases (6 active, 13 recovered)
- Dawes County: 2 cases (recovered)
- Garden County: 4 cases (recovered)
- Kimball County: 11 cases (1 active, 10 recovered)
- Morrill County: 25 cases (14 active, 11 recovered)
- Scotts Bluff County: 206 cases (79 active, 124 recovered, 3 deaths)
- Sheridan County: 2 cases (active)
- Sioux County: 6 cases (4 active, 2 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 <u>https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html</u>.

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 <u>www.pphd.org</u>.