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76 NEW COVID-19 CASES REPORTED IN LINCOLN

Health officials urge residents to remain vigilant

Mayor Leirion Gaylor Baird and the Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department (LLCHD) announced that 76 lab-confirmed cases of COVID-19 have been reported in Lancaster County in the last 24 hours, the highest number reported in a single day in the community. The local total of cases is now 606. The dashboard at **COVID19.lincoln.ne.gov** summarizes the Lancaster County COVID-19 data.

“With half of our cases reported in the last seven days, it is clear that Lincoln has not yet reached its peak,” said Pat Lopez, Interim Director of LLCHD. “Although restrictions will be eased starting Monday, it has never been more important to be vigilant and to continue to take measures to protect yourself and others. All of us are at risk of contracting the virus anytime we are in public with other people.”

Health officials encourage residents to continue to stay home if possible, to wear face coverings, and to wash their hands frequently. Those at risk of complications from COVID-19 should continue to stay away from others. More information is available at COVID19.lincoln.ne.gov at the “How to Help” tab.

Officials also urge those with symptoms of COVID-19 to get tested. Symptoms include fever, cough, shortness of breath, repeated shaking with chills, repeated muscle pain, headache, sore throat or new loss of taste or smell.

Those who experience these symptoms are urged to access drive-through testing offered by Bryan Health and CHI Health St. Elizabeth. Residents begin this process with a free online risk assessment available at BryanHealth.com and CHIHealth.com.

If testing is recommended, individuals will be given an order and referred to one of the testing sites. Only those with an order and referral from Bryan Health or CHI Health St. Elizabeth, or an order from their doctor are permitted at the drive-through sites. Those who need assistance may contact the Health Department at 402-441-8006.

The latest information on local coronavirus response is available at COVID19.lincoln.ne.gov. LLCHD has established a hotline at 402-441-8006 for questions on COVID-19.