

## To Protect, Promote and Prioritize the Health of Our Entire Community

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## **DCHD: COVID-19 Updates Are Online**

The Douglas County Health Department (DCHD) wants to emphasize a detailed picture of COVID-19 in Douglas County can be found on our Douglas County COVID-19 Dashboard on the department's homepage at <a href="https://www.douglascountyhealth.com">www.douglascountyhealth.com</a> in the middle of the page.

"The dashboard includes important demographic data, testing numbers and the number of individuals who have recovered," Health Director Dr. Adi Pour said. "It's updated daily around 3 p.m."

On Tuesday, April 21, the Health Department confirmed six new cases of COVID-19 in Douglas County. That brings the total number of cases in the county to 305 since the start of the outbreak. These latest cases include three men and three women who range in age from 38 to 83. Three of these new cases had contact with a known case, two were community-acquired and one case cases remain under investigation. Two of the new cases are known to be hospitalized.

Sadly, DCHD also is reporting the deaths of four men in their 60s and 70s, all with underlying health issues. Douglas County now has seen 14 deaths from this outbreak.

As of Sunday night, local hospitals reported 628 medical surge beds were available and 43 patients were hospitalized with COVID-19. Of the 401 ventilators available to area hospitals, 103 were in use, including 16 for confirmed COVID-19 patients.

Remember, the COVID-19 symptoms may include a fever, cough, sore throat, severe fatigue or difficulty breathing. In most cases a person will have more than one symptom. Anyone who has COVID-19 symptoms should contact their health care provider and tell them how you are feeling and discuss any possible exposure history. Please call ahead before you go to the doctor's office or an emergency room.

DCHD's information line is open daily at (402) 444-3400 from 8:30 a.m. until 4 p.m. In addition, the Nebraska DHHS COVID-19 information line is open from 8 a.m.-8 p.m. at (402) 552-6645. Calls are taken 24 hours a day at the United Way's 2-1-1 Information Line.

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