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Community

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### **DCHD: Help with Quarantine and Isolation**

There is a place for you to be quarantined or isolated in the COVID-19 pandemic. The Douglas County Health Department wants you to know about the Nebraska Accommodation Project, a joint venture of the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services, the University of Nebraska, and the Nebraska National Guard.

This is a program for those who are not first responders or health care providers who may have been exposed to COVID-19 and need to stay away from their families. If you are one of these people, you can go to <https://cip-dhhs.ne.gov/redcap/surveys/?s=K97PH77LYL>. There are conditions, but the first steps to safe housing start by clicking on that link.

On Friday, April 24, the Health Department confirmed 28 new cases of COVID-19 in Douglas County. That brings to 376 the total number of cases in the county since the start of the outbreak. There are 16 females and 11 males included in these test results with one person still to be contacted. They range from 1 to 68 years of age. Six of these individuals had contact with a known case, five cases were the result of community spread, and 17 cases remain under investigation. None of these individuals are known to be hospitalized.

As of Thursday night, local hospitals reported 553 medical surge beds were available and 42 patients were hospitalized with COVID-19. Of the 352 ventilators available to area hospitals, 101 were in use, including 15 for confirmed COVID-19 patients.

Remember to learn the COVID-19 symptoms, which may include a fever, cough, sore throat, severe fatigue or difficulty breathing. In most cases a person will have more than one symptom. If you have COVID-19 symptoms, please contact your 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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