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Community

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DCHD: Testing is Ramping Up!

The Douglas County Health Department is asking all of the news media and every member of the public to go to Test Nebraska at www.testnebraska.com/en and complete the questionnaire posted at the site. There also is www.testnebraska.com/es for those who prefer to respond in Spanish.

This site will allow public health to better understand the extent to which COVID-19 is established in our area and help the State of Nebraska develop targeting strategies for testing while helping to form policies to ease restrictions.

On Wednesday, April 29, the Health Department confirmed 31 new cases of COVID-19 in Douglas County. That brings the total number of cases in the county to 536 since the start of the outbreak. There are 15 males and 10 females among these latest test results with the gender of six cases unknown at this time. The age range is from six to 84 years of age. We regrettably also must report the death of a man over 80 with underlying health conditions. That is the 16th death in Douglas County related to the COVID-19 outbreak.

As of Tuesday night, local hospitals reported 528 medical surge beds were available and 46 patients were hospitalized with COVID-19. Of the 348 ventilators available to area hospitals, 104 were in use, including 13 for confirmed COVID-19 patients with an additional 48 people hospitalized and suspected of having the disease. Seventy individuals are confirmed to have recovered from the illness.

Remember to learn the COVID-19 symptoms, which may include, but are not limited to, 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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