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Community

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Stay Smart – Stay Safe

The start of summer is near and with June arriving on Monday, the Douglas County Health Department (DCHD) is reminding you that simple acts can help keep you safe.

“As we begin a careful return to a new normal, keep in mind the new habits you’ve learned to stay well,” Health Director Dr. Adi Pour said. “Wearing a mask keeps others safe and social distancing slows the spread of this disease.”

Testing continues through tomorrow (Saturday) at DCHD’s drive-thru clinic in South Omaha. Testing begins daily at noon and continues until 5 p.m. or until all the tests provided for the day are used. The clinics are set in the parking lot across from OneWorld Community Health Center at 4920 South 30th Street.

Anyone wanting to be tested at DCHD’s clinic can sign up in advance. Just go online to <https://is.gd/covidtestesp> or <https://is.gd/covidtest>. Early arrivals are asked to park at the Metropolitan Community College Campus and wait for instructions. Others wishing to be tested for COVID-19 can go to TestNebraska and register online. That is done at www.testnebraska.com in English and in Spanish at www.testnebraska.com/es.

On Thursday, May 28, the Health Department confirmed that total cases of COVID-19 in the county have increased to 3,919 from Thursday’s total of 3,769. That’s an increase of 150 cases from the previous day’s report. Douglas County also is reporting three additional deaths, all of them women over 65 years of age, bringing the total to 37 lives lost in the county from the outbreak.

As of Thursday night, local hospitals in the metro area reported 431 medical and surgical beds were available for a 71 percent capacity rate and 159 patients were hospitalized with COVID-19. Of the 376 ventilators available to area hospitals, 122 were in use, including 47 for confirmed COVID-19 patients. DCHD has confirmed 713 county residents have recovered from the illness.

COVID-19 symptoms 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 before you go to their office and tell them how you are feeling, and discuss any possible exposure history.

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