

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

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DCHD Suggests Testing for Anyone in a Crowd

Due to the increased likelihood that anyone in a large crowd gathering or other public settings due to the relaxing of Directed Health Measures may have been exposed to COVID-19, the Douglas County Health Department (DCHD) is encouraging more individuals to seek testing.

Even if you have been wearing a face covering in public, please check for symptoms that include a cough, fever, sore throat, shortness of breath, loss of taste and smell or anything else unusual. If you have vulnerable people in your household – anyone 65 years of age or older, or anyone with chronic or underlying health conditions - please consider self-quarantining for 14 days.

DCHD also encourages you to get tested for COVID-19 about one week after being in a crowd. TestNebraska is now open to anyone who is 15-35 years old. To register for testing, please go online to https://www.testnebraska.com/en or register in Spanish at https://www.testnebraska.com/es. A QR code will be provided once you are registered. That code will need to be brought to the testing site along with some form of identification.

On Sunday, June 7, the Health Department confirmed that total cases of COVID-19 in the county have increased to 5,152 up from the previous day's total of 5,066 with 88 new cases. There was a positivity rate of 12.8 percent among the 599 cases received during the 24-hour period ending at midnight. There are no new deaths to report.

According to the most recent inventory, released today, metro area hospitals reported 463 medical and surgical beds were available for a 65 percent occupancy rate and 116 patients were hospitalized with COVID-19. Of the 367 ventilators available to area hospitals, 121 were in use, including 36 for confirmed COVID-19 patients. DCHD has confirmed 1,187 county residents have recovered from the illness.

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Note: Some COVID-19 case totals may occasionally be adjusted as contact tracing investigations determines an individual actually lives in another county or the testing took place on another day.