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This is Not the Time to Return to Normal

With a holiday weekend approaching and the relaxation of some COVID-19-related restrictions, the Douglas County Health Department is urging people to be cautious in their actions.

“This is not yet a return to normal,” Health Director Dr. Adi Pour said. “Some relaxation of our guidelines will only be successful if you maintain practices like social distancing, wearing a facemask, and washing your hands regularly.”

DCHD and the Nebraska National Guard will continue to host drive-thru COVID-19 testing clinics through Friday, May 22. They are conducted from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. in the parking lot across from the South Omaha location of OneWorld Community Health Center, 4920 South 30th Street.

On Wednesday, May 20, the Health Department confirmed that total cases of COVID-19 in the county have increased to 2,715 from Tuesday’s total of 2,570. That’s an increase of 145 cases. DCHD received 1,122 test results yesterday, for a positivity rate of 11 percent.

As of Tuesday night, local hospitals reported 432 med/surge beds were available and 143 patients were hospitalized with COVID-19. An additional 59 people were hospitalized as COVID-19 persons of interest.

Of the 374 ventilators available to area hospitals, 121 were in use, including 44 for confirmed COVID-19 patients. DCHD has confirmed 514 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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