

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

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## The Pandemic is Hitting Some Communities Harder

While few neighborhoods in Douglas County have been spared by COVID-19, the South Omaha immigrant community has been impacted. Nearly 43 percent of the cases in the county are among the Hispanic population.

On Wednesday, May 13, the Health Department reported 89 new cases of COVID-19 in the county. DCHD is working on developing further data from these newest cases. That brings the total number of COVID-19 cases reported here to 1,801 since the start of the outbreak.

As of Tuesday night, local hospitals reported 497 medical surge beds were available and 114 patients were hospitalized with COVID-19. Of the 370 ventilators available to area hospitals, 128 were in use, including 43 for confirmed COVID-19 patients. DCHD has confirmed 305 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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