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Those Masks are a Good Look

Even with some restrictions related to COVID -19 being relaxed, the Douglas County Health Department wants you to remember to wear a cloth mask whenever you are in public.

Your mask protects those around you, and their mask protects you.

Stay Home – Stay Safe – Stay Connected!

On Sunday, May 17, the Health Department confirmed 203 new cases of COVID-19 in the county, bringing the total since the outbreak began to 2414 cases. Those come from the highest single day of testing, when 1,483 tests were administered. The data is still being evaluated. The positivity rate for the past week's testing was 14 percent.

As of Saturday night, local hospitals reported 472 medical surge beds were available and 127 patients were hospitalized with COVID-19. Of the 374 ventilators available to area hospitals, 135 were in use, including 45 for confirmed COVID-19 patients. DCHD has confirmed 412 county residents have recovered from the illness.

The Douglas County Health Department in partnership with the Nebraska National Guard will be hosting a drive-thru COVID-19 testing clinic on Monday, May 18, at the South Omaha location of OneWorld Community Health Center, 4920 South 30th Street.

Tests will be given to people who are symptomatic or who work in packing plants. Simply provide your name and date of birth. There is no charge for the testing.

The clinic is scheduled for Monday from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. or until the staff runs out of a limited number of test kits. Future test dates will be announced as soon as they are finalized.

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