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**Three Rivers Public Health Department confirms additional cases of COVID-19**

Three Rivers Public Health Department (3RPHD) has identified 26 cases of COVID-19 from yesterday and today as of 4:30pm. The positive cases consist of the following:

5/12/20 – 7 new cases

These cases are all Dodge County Residents. The contact investigations are underway and all close contacts will self-quarantine. There are 5 females and 2 males between the ages of 24-52 years of age.

5/13/2020- 19 new cases

These cases consist of 18 Dodge County Residents. There are 13 males and 5 females between the ages of 19-60 years of age and 3 minors. Additionally, there is 1 Saunders County Resident who is a minor. These contact investigations are just beginning.

As of Wednesday morning, local hospitals reported 497 medical beds were available and 114 patients were hospitalized with COVID-19. Of the 373 ventilators available to area hospitals, 128 were in use, including 43 for confirmed COVID-19 patients.

Assume that COVID-19 is present in all our communities and conduct yourself accordingly. Dodge County now has 190 cases, Washington County has 23 cases and Saunders County has 13 cases. This brings the 3RPHD health jurisdiction total to 226 cases.

Please be aware of the COVID-19 symptoms, which may include a fever, cough, sore throat, severe fatigue, loss of taste and smell or difficulty breathing. In most cases, a person will have more than one of these symptoms. Anyone who has COVID-19 symptoms or develops symptoms should contact their health care provider and tell them how you are feeling and any possible history of exposure. Please call ahead before you go to the doctor's office or an emergency room.

For more information about COVID-19 please visit [www.threeriverspublichealth.org](http://www.threeriverspublichealth.org), <http://dhhs.ne.gov/coronavirus> or call United Way's 2-1-1 Resource Hotline.

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