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PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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Update on Three Rivers Public Health Department COVID-19 Cases

Three Rivers Public Health Department (3RPHD) reports total lab-confirmed COVID-19 cases within the district as follows:

Dodge County: 283 cases Saunders County: 24 cases Washington County: 26 cases Total 3RPHD Case Count: 333 cases

As of Wednesday morning, local hospitals reported 432 medical beds were available and 143 patients were hospitalized with COVID-19. Of the 374 ventilators available to area hospitals, 121 were in use, including 44 for confirmed COVID-19 patients.

Assume that COVID-19 is present in all our communities and conduct yourself accordingly. 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.

As some restrictions due to COVID -19 are relaxed, 3RPHD asks you to remember the basics. Maintain social distancing, wear a cloth mask in public, and wash your hands often for 20 seconds with soap and water. It is a time to take care of yourself and remember to reach out and help others when you can.

Stay Home - Stay Safe - Stay Connected

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

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