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Governor Ricketts expands statewide Directed Health Measure

Nebraska Governor Pete Ricketts expanded the statewide Directed Health Measure today. Not following these measures is enforceable by misdemeanor charges.

The DHM enacted for all Nebraska counties through April 30, 2020 includes the following updates:

- All beauty/nail salons, barber shops, massage therapy services, gentleman's clubs, bottle clubs, indoor movie theatres, indoor theatres, and tattoo parlors/studios are hereby ordered to cease providing services to the public and are ordered closed.
- Venues such as fitness centers/clubs, gymnasiums, gyms, health clubs, and health spas must ensure 10 or less people and a minimum distance of six (6) feet between all patrons.

Enacted for all Nebraska counties through May 31, 2020:

- All Organized Team Sports, youth and adult, including but not limited to Club Sports are hereby suspended.

Enacted for all Panhandle counties through May 11, 2020:

- **Bars and restaurants** must close dining/public areas and can only offer carry-out, curbside pickup, delivery, or drive-through options.
- **Daycare facilities** can only have 10 children per class room, excluding staff.
- **Weddings, funerals,** and any other **public events** must follow the 10 people or less guidance.
- The following **venues** must follow the 10 people or less guidance: Gymnasiums, auditoriums, stadiums, arenas, large event conference rooms, meeting halls, libraries, or any other confined indoor or outdoor space.
- **Convenience stores** must close their seating portion. People are not to congregate.
- **Breakfast bars in hotels** are to close their seating area and instruct their guests to take the food back to their rooms.

- In regards to **bowling alleys**, there is no consumption of food or alcohol allowed in the establishment. There is to be no more than 10 people at a time and a stringent cleaning routine needs to be implemented.
- **Elective surgeries** and **procedures** are prohibited.
- **Individuals that test positive for COVID-19** or who have a fever of 100.4 or above, or a sudden onset of a cough or sudden onset of shortness of breath, and individuals who live with a person that has tested positive for COVID-19 must home-quarantine for no less than 14 days from the date of positive test or onset of symptoms and isolation.

Here's what this excludes:

- Normal operations at airports, bus and train stations, healthcare facilities and services, mental health and/or substance use treatment day programs, shopping malls, typical office environments, factories, retail or grocery stores where large groups may be present but not typically within six feet of one another.

The full measure can be viewed on our website at www.pphd.org.

Here's what the current totals look like in the Panhandle:

March 2-April 9, 2020

Total Tests Conducted in the Panhandle: 333

- Positive: 21
- **Scotts Bluff County:** Ten Cases
 - Three have recovered and are out of isolation
- **Kimball County:** Ten Cases
 - Two have recovered and are out of isolation
- **Cheyenne County:** One case

All Panhandle residents are encouraged to Stay Home, Stay Healthy, Stay Connected. What does this mean to you?

Stay Home

- Stay home whenever possible.
- Avoid gathering in any groups.
- Do not visit or host people who do not live with you.

Stay Healthy

- Keep at least 6 feet distance from anyone you don't live with.
- Wash your hands
- Stay home if you are sick or if someone in your home is sick.

Stay Connected

- Stay in touch with friends and loved ones
- Check in on people who may be alone or need help.

Panhandle Public Health District, Region 21, 22, and 23 Emergency Management, and Scotts Bluff County Health Department are working as a unified command on this evolving situation. Important updates will be regularly communicated to the public and community partners.

For the most up to date information from the CDC, visit:
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>.

Panhandle Public Health District is working together to improve the health, safety, and quality of life for all who live, learn, work and play in the Panhandle. Our vision is that we are a healthier and safer Panhandle Community. Visit our website www.pphd.org.