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# New cases of COVID-19 reported including one in Harlan County

KEARNEY – Four (4) new cases of COVID-19 were reported by Two Rivers Public Health Department in the seven-county region it serves including the first verified case in Harlan County. Please check the Two Rivers website for up to date information for our citizens on current COVID-19 facts.

New confirmed cases include:

- Dawson County – 1
- Buffalo County – 1
- Harlan County – 1
- Phelps - 1

COVID-19 is still circulating in our district. Two Rivers recommends continued actions to prevent the spread of any illness such as:

- Knowing how it spreads
- Washing your hands often
- Avoid close contact
- Cover your mouth and nose with a cloth face cover when around others
- Cover your cough and sneeze
- Clean and disinfect
- Monitor your health

Recent studies show that a significant portion of people with COVID-19 lack symptoms and those who eventually develop symptoms can pass the virus to others before showing symptoms, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). The CDC now recommends wearing cloth face coverings in public settings where other social distancing measures are difficult to maintain (grocery stores, pharmacies, etc.) especially in areas of significant community-based transmission - https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/cloth-face-cover-faq.html .

Cloth face coverings are not a substitute for social distancing. Public health officials continue to emphasize that maintaining 6-feet social distancing is crucial to slowing the spread of the virus.

Testing is available to the public at the discretion of health care providers. Individuals are more likely to be tested by if they are essential infrastructure staff, in direct contact with a laboratory confirmed case, a health care worker, first responder or age 65 or older. For more information, call Two Rivers Public Health Department at 888-669-7154 or visit www.trphd.org.

Two Rivers continues to advise citizens to stay home when experiencing illness and seek medical care when necessary.

The Department of Health and Human Services opened a statewide coronavirus (COVID-19) information line to help answer general questions and share the latest information and resources with Nebraskans to keep them informed. The number is 402-552-6645. Hours of operation are 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. daily.

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