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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:870 cases (Total)Saunders County:188 cases (Total)Washington County:152 cases (Total)Total 3RPHD Case Count: 1210 cases

As of Friday afternoon, the Omaha Metropolitan Health Care Coalition (OMHCC) which consists of Dodge, Saunders, Washington, Douglas and Sarpy county hospitals reported 228 medical beds available and 104 patients were hospitalized with COVID-19. Of the 453 ventilators available to area hospitals, 134 were in use, including 12 for confirmed or suspect COVID-19 patients.

You can spread COVID-19 even if you don't feel that sick. You can pass the disease to someone else before you have symptoms, and even if you never develop any symptoms at all. When people who have contracted the infection come in contact with high-risk people, there can be deadly consequences. As a reminder an exposure is defined as being within 6 feet of someone for 15 minutes. If you have been exposed to a person who has tested positive for COVID-19, then you need to quarantine at home for two weeks.

We encourage all Nebraskans to get tested for COVID-19, and to do so immediately if they have symptoms. This can be done though Test Nebraska at <u>www.testnebraska.com</u>.

For questions or more information about COVID-19, please call Three Rivers at 402-727-5396, email <u>info@3rphd.org</u> or visit <u>www.threeriverspublichealth.org</u>

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