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First Cases of COVID-19 Reported in Two Nebraska Counties Statewide case total is 412

LINCOLN – First cases of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) were reported in the following counties:

- Cheyenne - <http://www.pphd.org/Site/Documents/NewsReleases/COVID-19%20Positive%20test%20results%2004.05.2020.pdf>
- Stanton - <https://www.facebook.com/elvphd>

Logan County was included in last night's release as a county reporting its first case. However, Logan County was erroneously entered into the electronic tracking system and does not have a confirmed case of COVID-19.

All 93 Nebraska counties are now covered by state Directed Health Measures (DHMs) until May 11 – <http://dhhs.ne.gov/coronavirus>. It's critical that Nebraskans follow these enforceable state Directed Health Measures to help slow the spread of COVID-19 in the state. These measures help protect each other and those who are more vulnerable to severe illness and death, and help hospitals and clinics from being overwhelmed so they can continue to provide care to families, friends and neighbors who need it.

In addition to the state-issued DHM, some Local Health Departments have issued additional restrictions - <http://dhhs.ne.gov/Pages/Coronavirus.aspx#SectionLink1>.

Tonight's state case total is 412. DHHS launched a new data dashboard that provides daily updates to the state's COVID-19 case totals. You can find it at <http://dhhs.ne.gov/coronavirus>.

Here's where to find tools and resources for individuals and families, schools, communities, businesses, healthcare facilities, and first responders on the DHHS website - <http://dhhs.ne.gov/coronavirus> and CDC's website – <https://www.cdc.gov/covid19>.

DHHS opened a statewide COVID-19 information line to help answer general questions and share the latest information and resources with Nebraskans to help keep them informed. The number is (402) 552-6645; hours of operation are 8 a.m.-8 p.m. CST, 7 days a week.

DHHS will continue to update Nebraskans through the DHHS website and on Facebook and Twitter as we have new information. The CDC's website is also a good resource for COVID-19 information - <https://www.cdc.gov/covid19>.