

## NEWS RELEASE

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### **Fourth Keith County Case and TestNebraska Results**

Southwest Nebraska Public Health Department (SWNPHD) has received the results from the TestNebraska testing events that were held on June 24th in Arapahoe, June 25th in McCook and on June 28th in Imperial. While the majority of the test results are in and were negative, approximately 15 test results have yet to be received. The individuals who participated in these events received an e-mail copy of their results from TestNebraska.

Additionally, SWNPHD has been notified of one more person from the health district that has tested positive for COVID-19. This case is a female in her eighties in Keith County, related to community spread. The individual was tested by their medical provider and was not a part of the TestNebraska events. This brings the total to 23 confirmed cases in the health district, with 19 recovered and one death.

When a case is listed as community spread it is because health officials were not able to determine where the person was infected with COVID-19, since the case is not related to travel or direct contact with another case. This means that the individual came into contact with someone carrying the virus either in the community or passing through the community.

SWNPHD encourages residents of the health district to continue to follow the recommended actions to prevent the spread of respiratory viruses like COVID-19. This includes things like frequent handwashing (especially after being in public), covering coughs and sneezes, cleaning surfaces often, and keeping a 6-foot distance from people who don't live with you. If you will be somewhere that you won't be able to keep your distance wear a cloth face covering.

Information on COVID-19 in southwest Nebraska can be found on SWNPHD's website [www.swhealth.ne.gov](http://www.swhealth.ne.gov). You can also follow SWNPHD on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram. SWNPHD serves Chase, Dundy, Frontier, Furnas, Hayes, Hitchcock, Keith, Perkins, and Red Willow counties. SWNPHD is located at 404 West 10th St (1 block north of Arby's) in McCook.

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