



Important Update Regarding COVID-19

Date: December 8th, 2020

Time: 11:00 am CST

Agenda

- ☐ Welcome from the Commissioner
- ☐ Governor's Update
- ☐ NALHD Update
- ☐ NDE Update
- ☐ DHHS Update
- ☐ Commissioner's Thoughts
- ☐ Wrap- UP

Governor Update

Coronavirus COVID-19 Nebraska Cases by the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS)



Total Positive Cases

139,834

People Tested: Not Detected

633,837

*Excludes inconclusive and out of state residents

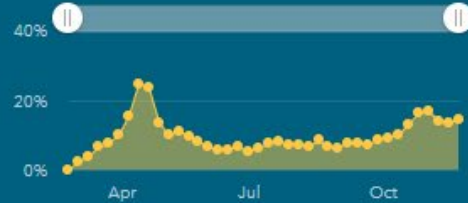
People Tested

774,039

Total Tests

1,464,841

% Positive by Specimen Collection Date



◀ % Positive ▶

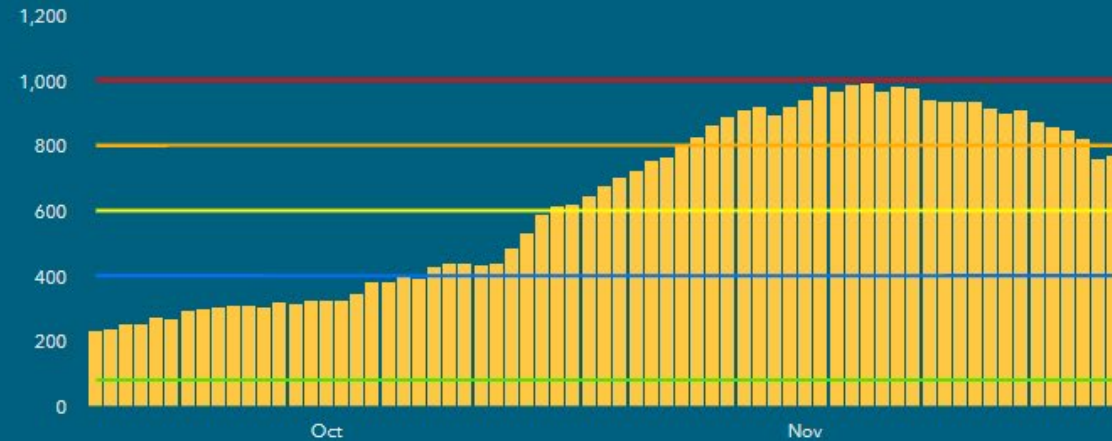
Active Hospitalizations

768

Total Staffed Beds, 14 Day Avg.

4,003

Daily Active Hospitalizations



Colored lines represent the corresponding thresholds for changing DHM Color Phases

DHM Thresholds

Contact Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS)

<http://dhhs.ne.gov/coronavirus>

Information Line: (402) 552-6645

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COVID Vaccine Update

❑ Forecasted allocations for Nebraska (these numbers are projected and subject to change):

❑ Week of December 13-19

❖ Pfizer: 16,500

❑ Week of December 20-26

❖ Pfizer: 19,500

❖ Moderna: 32,100

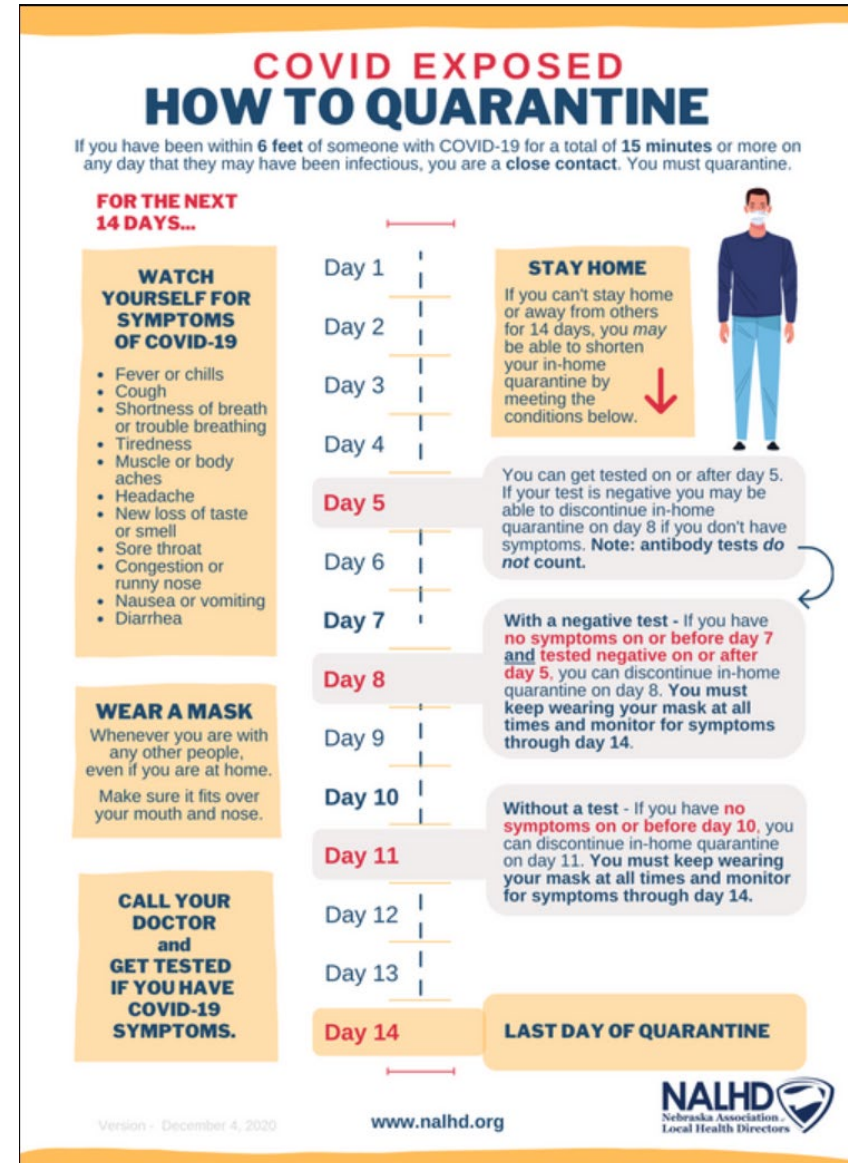
❑ Week of December 27-31

❖ Pfizer: 23,400

❖ Moderna: 14,200

NALHD Update

Nebraska Updates COVID-19 Quarantine Directions to Match Latest CDC Recommendations



NDE Update

- ❑ Statewide Health and Safety Campaign Efforts
- ❑ Strategies for Further Mitigation
- ❑ Key Resources to Revisit for Spring Planning
- ❑ Professional Learning Resources

Statewide Health & Safety Campaign

**DO RIGHT,
RIGHT NOW**



☐ Website

☐ Videos

☐ Posters

☐ Resources

☐ NEWS

☐ FAQ

☐ Advertisements

☐ Digital Billboard

☐ Bus

☐ Media outlets

☐ TV

☐ Radio

☐ Papers

☐ Social Media

☐ Facebook

☐ Twitter

☐ Instagram

Campaign Messages & Phases

☐ Phase I: Work Plan for the Holidays through New Year.

- ☐ Small celebration

- ☐ Distancing

- ☐ Mental Health

☐ Phase II: Education on Vaccine

- ☐ End of January

☐ Phase III: Vaccination campaign

- ☐ Upon the availability of the vaccine



New Coronavirus Communication Campaign

The Do Right, Right Now campaign is now live. You can learn about what you can do to fight the pandemic at <https://dorightrightnow.org>. There are resources you can share and information on why it will take everyone to help slow the spread.

VISIT DO RIGHT, RIGHT NOW
WEBSITE

WATCH A REPLAY OF THE PRESS
CONFERENCE ON FACEBOOK

Strategies for Further Mitigation

- ❑ Further reduce density in schools, specifically high schools and middle schools where spread is most prevalent.
- ❑ All school employees, students, and visitors to school events should be required to wear masks at school functions.
 - ❑ The State Board of Education supports a [statewide mask mandate](#) and local decisions implementing masking requirements in schools and school activities.
- ❑ Focus on student/teacher well-being by reducing stresses of educational expectations like homework, tests, etc.
 - ❑ Instead focus on keeping learners engaged with lower stress educational settings.
 - ❑ Empower teachers to develop classroom strategies rather than building or district dictates.

Key Resources to Revisit for Spring Planning

- Instructional Materials & Instruction
- Assessment
- Wellbeing and Connection
- Student, Family, and Community Engagement
- Professional Learning

<https://www.launchne.com/continuity-of-learning/instruction/>



Professional Learning Resources

☐ Strengthening the Core: Remote Learning Considerations:

- <https://www.launchne.com/professional-learning-and-resources/>

☐ Essential Instructional Content for 2020-2021

- ☐ Literacy (K-2, 3-8, 9-12)
- ☐ Mathematics (K-8, 9-12)
- ☐ Science (K-12)






- <https://www.education.ne.gov/tl/essential-content-for-20-21/>

☐ Science of Reading Professional Learning and Community of Practice Series.

- <https://www.education.ne.gov/nebraskareads/professional-learning/events/>

Transformation Strategies for Excellence & Equity

ERS has identified 5 research-based priorities to address education recovery and equity needs now *and* change cost structures for financial sustainability.

	1	Time & Attention	Expand and target individual attention and learning time inside and outside of traditional school hours, especially for students with the greatest learning needs.
	2	The Teaching Job	Restructure teaching jobs and roles to be more rewarding, collaborative, and sustainable while enabling excellent instruction from a diverse teaching force.
	3	Teaching Teams	Design schedules, roles, and routines for teacher teams to learn and plan instruction and student support together.
	4	Social-Emotional Learning & Positive Relationships	Organize student and teacher time to embed social-emotional learning and cultivate positive relationships between students and teachers.
	5	Community & Family Partnerships	Engage families and community partners to increase academic, health, social, and emotional support for students.

Source: Education Resource Strategies (ERS)

Would your district be interested in participating in a learning series around the ERS Power Strategies in preparation for Fall 2021?

<https://forms.gle/He8HnRtA39CG3sJa8>

Professional Learning Resources

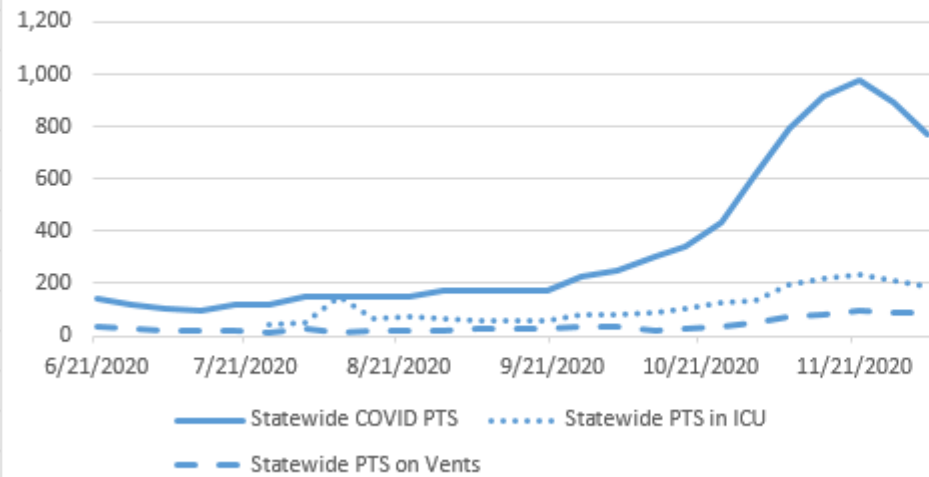
- TSI/ATSI Virtual Learning Communities
 - Monthly sessions designed with content experts who can help Learning Community members build knowledge, skills, and mindsets for implementing evidence-based practices for English learners, students with disabilities, and economically disadvantaged students, with a focus on data!
- For previous recordings, materials, and future dates/times:
<https://www.education.ne.gov/csds/tsi-atsi-virtual-learning-communities/>

DHHS Update

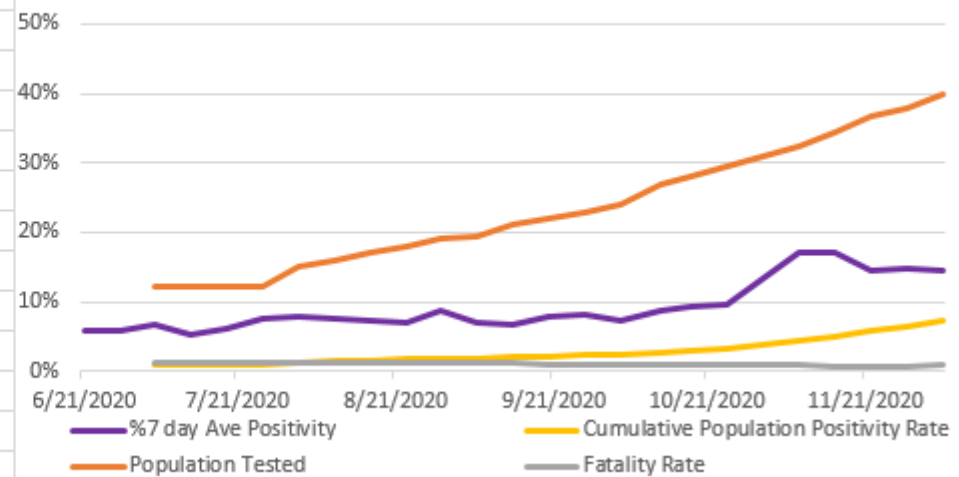
- ❑ Decrease of 128 pts statewide (19.2 % of hospitalized pt. Covid Positive; Saturday 18.8%)
- ❑ Douglas and Lancaster Counties both decrease by 43 pts.
- ❑ Statewide censes remains stable (Scottsbluff 14 day average of new cases equals 21; 56 2 weeks ago)
- ❑ Community / CAH 43 facilities with 144 pts

Date	Statewide COVID PTS	%7 day Ave Positivity	Statewide PTS on Vents	Douglas Covid PTS	Doug Covid PTS on Vents	Lanc COVID PTS	Lanc COVID PTS on Vents	Populati on Tested	Cumulati ve Populati on	Fatality Rate	Statewid e PTS in ICU	Douglas PTS in ICU	Lancaster PTS in ICU
6/21/2020	141	6.00%	31	84	23	28	6						
6/28/2020	117	5.90%	27	80	22	15	3						
7/5/2020	101	6.60%	21	74	17	9	2	12.2%	0.96%	1.34%			
7/12/2020	98	5.30%	19	55	14	26	3	12.2%	0.96%	1.34%			
7/19/2020	121	6.20%	18	70	15	29	3	12.2%	0.96%	1.34%			
7/26/2020	121	7.60%	11	67	7	19	2	12.2%	0.96%	1.34%	43	30	3
8/2/2020	147	8.00%	27	79	16	26	6	15.0%	1.20%	1.24%	46	30	8
8/9/2020	146	7.50%	15	88	10	20	4	16.0%	1.50%	1.21%	146	41	5
8/16/2020	146	7.40%	18	87	12	18	4	17.0%	1.60%	1.18%	64	45	6
8/23/2020	146	6.90%	22	88	18	17	1	18.0%	1.70%	1.18%	74	59	1
8/30/2020	172	8.60%	22	74	13	30	3	19.0%	1.80%	1.15%	66	44	5
9/6/2020	175	7.00%	24	73	11	35	3	19.5%	1.90%	1.13%	60	30	5
9/13/2020	169	6.80%	26	74	16	31	3	21.0%	2.00%	1.14%	59	32	3
9/20/2020	170	7.80%	27	66	15	32	4	22.0%	2.10%	1.08%	59	26	2
9/27/2020	224	8.30%	35	92	15	62	10	23.0%	2.30%	1.07%	80	37	15
10/4/2020	249	7.20%	31	102	14	59	10	24.0%	2.40%	1.05%	78	33	14
10/12/2020	300	8.80%	22	115	5	59	8	27.0%	2.70%	1.00%	86	33	12
10/18/2020	343	9.20%	29	127	18	67	1	28.0%	3.00%	0.96%	102	46	4
10/25/2020	435	9.70%	38	161	13	60	9	29.5%	3.30%	0.95%	125	52	9
11/1/2020	613	13.30%	47	223	19	95	12	31.0%	3.70%	0.91%	136	52	19
11/8/2020	794	17.10%	76	309	38	129	11	32.5%	4.30%	0.84%	198	84	21
11/15/2020	914	17.00%	84	333	34	143	22	34.4%	5.10%	0.79%	216	87	27
11/22/2020	976	14.40%	99	355	36	169	30	36.6%	5.90%	0.80%	235	86	39
11/29/2020	896	14.70%	89	321	34	181	23	38.0%	6.50%	0.78%	214	78	35
12/6/2020	768	14.40%	89	278	40	138	18	40.0%	7.20%	0.86%	186	67	35

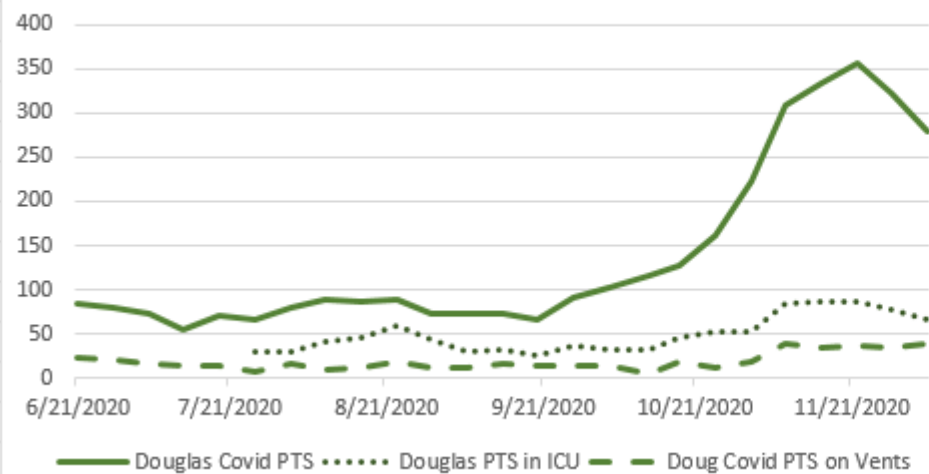
Nebraska Patient, ICU, & Ventilator Counts



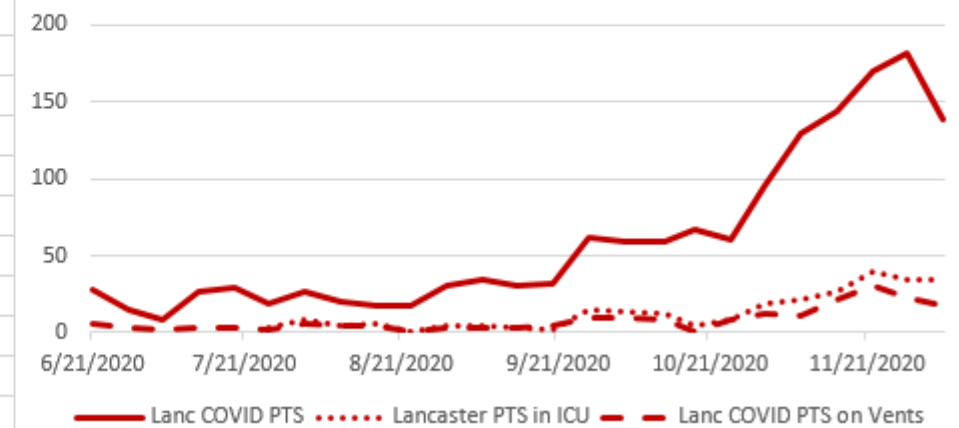
Nebraska COVID Rates



Douglas County Patient, ICU, & Ventilator Counts



Lancaster County Patient, ICU, & Ventilator Counts



COVID-19 Testing Availability for Schools

- ❑ TestNE remains available for routine testing.
 - ❑ Turnaround time is now < 2 days
- ❑ Schools with outbreaks can request extra testing help through the LHD.
 - ❑ DHHS will work with the LHD to make it happen.
- ❑ Healthcare facilities are now receiving BinaxNOW, and have been asked to provide priority for K12 students.

Commissioner's Thoughts

- ❑ NSEA petition for a declaratory order
- ❑ Projections to see a peak in cases in this time after Thanksgiving and through the middle of January.
- ❑ Local health departments and healthcare officials have worked tirelessly to share relevant data, research, and best practices for schools and communities. We need to continue to listen to them and follow local directives to manage the pandemic.
- ❑ We have many months ahead yet and efforts we take now will help us manage conditions in the spring.

Wrap-Up

- ❑ All Coronavirus resources for Nebraska's education communities have been moved to the Commissioner's Guidance page on Launch Nebraska: <https://www.launchne.com/commish/>.
- ❑ Staff at the NDE are working to address key FAQs and other topics as we know them.
- ❑ Please use below link and submit your questions and suggestions for next zoom call by Monday, January 4th, 2021
<https://forms.gle/64oTH8XQLFsGNwJ96>
- ❑ Next call- January 5th, 2021



Thank you!