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The Health Department Provides COVID-19 Updates for Sarpy and Cass County; Risk Dial Moves to High-Risk Category

PAPILLION: The Sarpy/Cass Health Department has been monitoring the COVID-19 pandemic in our communities since January 2020. Key activities include conducting contact investigations, monitoring outbreaks, offering community education, and providing elected officials with public health recommendations. To date, there has been a total of 6,408 Sarpy and Cass County residents test positive for COVID-19 out of the 65,388 tested. There have been 39 COVID-19 related deaths.

Following is a cumulative summary of the COVID-19 data for each county:

	Cass	Sarpy
Number of Tests	7,114	58,274
Number of Positive Individuals	549	5,859
Number of Recoveries	431	4,954
Number of Deaths	2	37
Positivity Rate	7.7%	10.05%

Following is a summary for the week of October 18 – October 24, 2020:

	Cass	Sarpy
Number of Tests	303	2,714
Number of Positive Individuals	56	538
Positivity Rate	18.5%	19.8%
Positivity Rate for Individuals Between the Ages of 5-12	5.3%	8.1%
Positivity Rate for Individuals Between the Ages of 13-18	13.0%	21.4%

The Sarpy/Cass Health Department COVID-19 Risk Dial is updated every Thursday. The current risk of COVID-19 in our communities has increased from 2.0 to 2.25 (out of a 0 – 4 scale), indicating a high risk of the virus spreading. Residents are advised to follow these recommendations to slow the transmission of COVID-19:

- Stay home as much as possible.

- When you go out in public, maintain a six foot distance between yourself and others and wear a cloth face covering.
- Shop alone and only shop one time per week.
- Stay away from others who are sick.
- Wash your hands often.
- If you have tested positive for COVID-19, follow public health recommendations of isolation.

Public health partners across the state continue to take action to protect the health of Nebraskans. The Sarpy/Cass Health Department will continue to update our community as new information becomes available.

For more information about COVID-19 please visit www.sarpycasshealthdepartment.org or <http://dhhs.ne.gov/coronavirus> or call 211.

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