

City of Fremont Update

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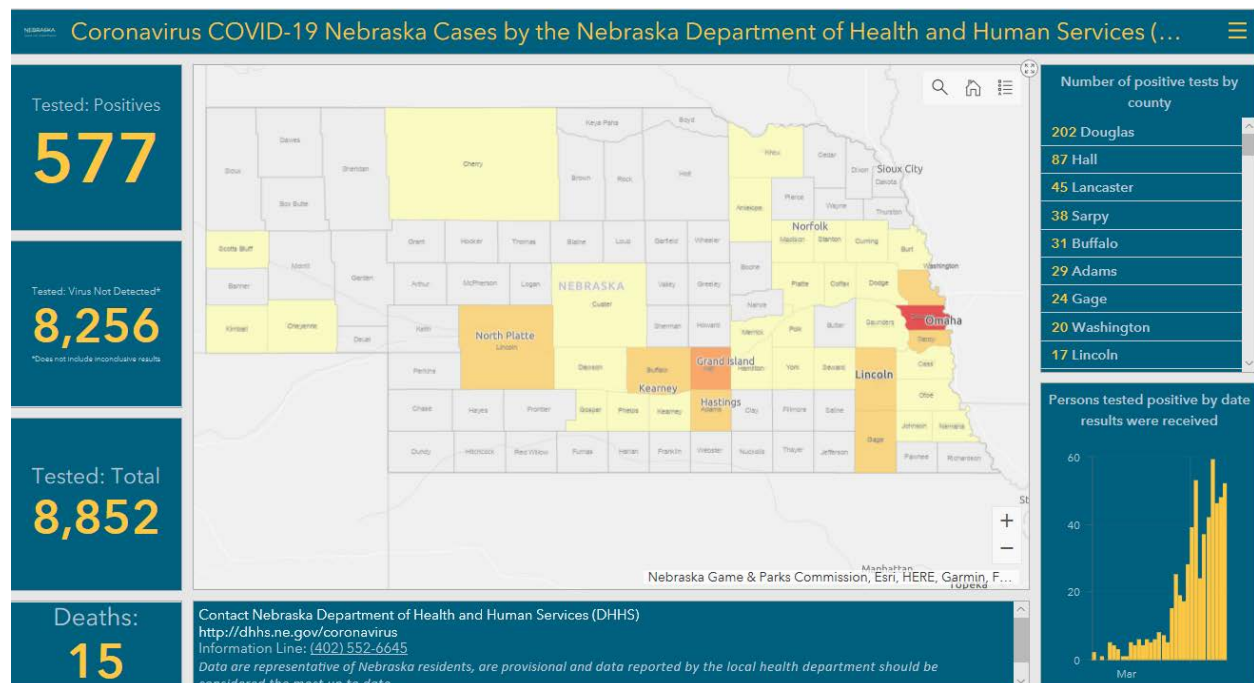
To: City Employees/ City Boards/ Mayor & City Council

COVID-19

On April 4, 2020, President Trump declared that a major disaster exists in the State of Nebraska and ordered Federal assistance to help State, tribal, and local recovery efforts affected by COVID-19 beginning on January 20, 2020. That means Federal funding is now available to State, tribal, and local governments and certain private nonprofits for emergency protective measures.

All 93 of Nebraska counties are now under a State or County Directed Health Measure. The health measures prohibit gatherings of 10 or more; requires social distancing of at least six feet; mandates bars, taverns, and restaurants offer carry-out, drive-through and delivery only; restricts elective medical and dental surgeries; and orders people to home-quarantine for 14 days if they test positive or have COVID-19-like symptoms or they reside with someone who tested positive or have COVID-19 symptoms.

Below is today's view of the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services data dashboard (<http://dhhs.ne.gov/coronavirus>) showing Nebraska's case information.



The City remains under a Level 2 Yellow condition (see chart below) where City services are relatively unchanged.

Level	Definition
1. Green	Delivery of Services are normal, with minimal staffing impacts.
2. Yellow	Minimal impact to delivery of services.
3. Orange	Delivery of services are impacted and many of the non-essential services will be temporarily discontinued.
4. Red	Only essential services are maintained with minimum staff.

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As of today, there are 1,612,646 confirmed COVID-19 cases worldwide. That is up 573,480 from last week or 1.5 times higher than last week. Total worldwide deaths from the COVID-19 virus are 96,787, more than 1,7 times higher than the 22,030 deaths reported last week.

The U.S. has 466,299 confirmed COVID-19 cases, which is almost two times more than last week's number of 245,646. Spain comes in at number two in COVID-19 cases with 157,022, and Italy is close at 143,626. The total number of deaths in the U.S. from the virus is 16,686, or 2.75 times more than the 6,069 deaths reported last week. The Johns Hopkins website for the Coronavirus Resource Center is <https://coronavirus.jhu.edu/>.

Freezing Rain & Galloping Wires Cause Power Outages

Last Thursday night's freezing rain and ice caused a couple of power outages from ice covered galloping wires. The picture on the right shows two sets of power lines behind Hobby Lobby. While both sets of wires were covered with ice, only the wires on the distribution line (shorter poles) were galloping in the wind. Wires gallop when freezing rain creates icicles and odd-shaped ice around the wire. The wires on the taller transmission line were not galloping because these wires are not a single wire, but are actually two wires twisted together. Twisted wires are less prone to gallop because of their shape. Also, please note the icicles hanging from the transformers.



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CARES Act

On March 27, President Trump signed the CARES Act, a \$2 trillion emergency relief package to prevent a total economic collapse in the wake of the coronavirus crisis. Under the legislation, \$136 billion is reserved for states and local units of government. A unit of government is defined as a county, municipality, town, township, village, parish, borough, or other form of government below the State level with a population that exceeds 500,000. The funds can only be used for 1) necessary expenditures related to COVID-19; 2) expenses not accounted for in the budget; and 3) costs incurred between March 1, 2020 and December 30, 2020. Each state is allocated a minimum of \$1.25 billion, and there is no provision that requires a state government to distribute money to local governments.

Omaha is the only city in Nebraska with a population of over 500,000, so they will likely receive Federal funds. As to whether the State will distribute some of its funds to other municipalities, time will tell.

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