

## City of Fremont Update

Date: April 24, 2020

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

### COVID-19

Since the City has asked employees to adhere to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommendation to wear a facemask in public, I thought a brief question and answer about facemasks might be helpful.

**Question:** What does a facemask do?

**Answer:** It prevents particles that come out when you cough from going out into the general public.

**Question:** What type of facemask is recommended?

**Answer:** A cloth facemask.

**Question:** Can a cloth facemask be reused?

**Answer:** Yes, a cloth facemask can be washed, disinfected, dried and reused.

**Question:** Can I wear a surgical or medical grade facemask?

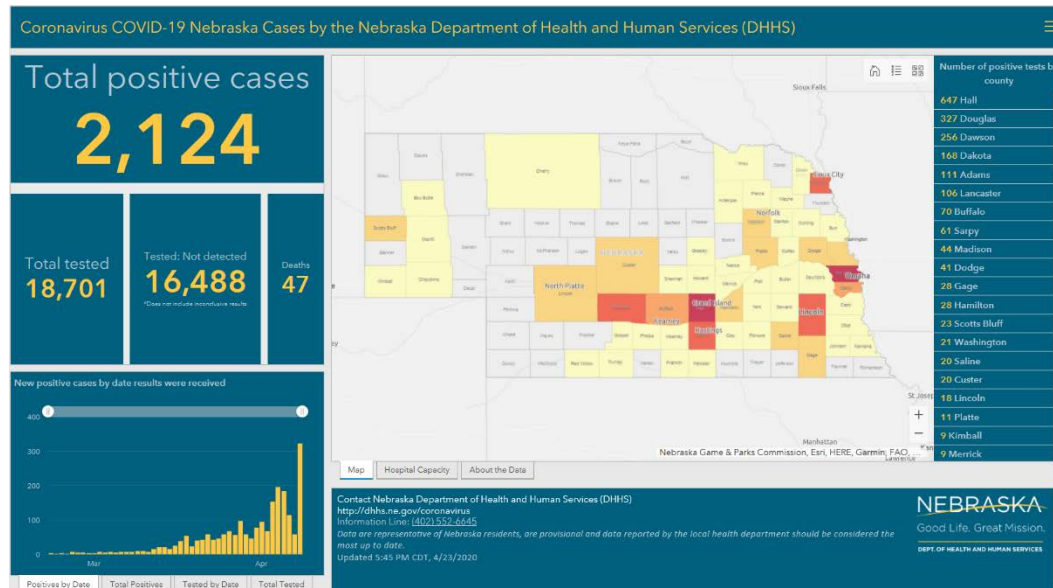
**Answer:** Yes, but due to the shortage of facemasks the CDC warns that those facemasks should be reserved for medical personnel and first responders.

### On-line Assessment Part of State's Test Nebraska Plan

Nebraskans are encouraged to complete an online assessment at [www.TestNebraska.com](http://www.TestNebraska.com) to optimize mobile testing resources across the state. Although personal information is collected, the information will be used to fight the spread of COVID-19. It is important that utility personnel and first responders complete the assessment.

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. As of

today, there are 2,146 confirmed COVID-19 cases in the State. That is up 1,058 (nearly double) from last week. Dodge County has the 10<sup>th</sup> highest number of cases in the state with 41.



The U.S. has 869,172 confirmed COVID-19 cases of the 2,732,445 cases worldwide. The US also has the largest number of deaths from the virus at 49,963. The Johns Hopkins website for the Coronavirus Resource Center is <https://coronavirus.jhu.edu/>.

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## National Library Workers Day Celebrated April 21

Although the City Library is closed to the public because of the COVID-19 pandemic, we still want to recognize our library employees for contributions they make to our community. These dedicated employees work diligently to

ensure that library functions are available to all citizens in Fremont. And despite the fact that the building is closed, library employees are making sure library patrons have access to materials through curbside pickup and online resources. Curbside pickup is available from 10 am – 5:30 pm, Monday through Friday. Online resources are available at <http://www.fremontne.gov/26/Library>.



## City Receives Excellence in Reliability Award

For the third consecutive year, the American Public Power Association (APPA) has recognized the City for providing reliable and safe electric service. The City is one of several hundred utilities that have earned the honor of the more than 2,000 public power utilities nation-wide. The certificate recognizes proficiency in four key disciplines: reliability, safety, workforce development, and system improvement.

The only other Nebraska utility to earn the award this year was Grand Island.



## ISO Will Inspect City Virtually

The Insurance Service Office (ISO) has announced their every other year (biennial) community rating system inspection will be done virtually starting May 1. The ISO inspection program is sponsored by the National Fire Insurance Program (NFIP) to provide statistical information to insurance companies. This information serves as a backbone and guide for insurance company underwriters to assess risk and to determine premiums. The City is scheduled to receive a virtual ISO inspection in May. Our current ISO rating, awarded in 2018, is a 3.

## City Airport to Receive CARES Act Funds

The City Airport will receive \$69,000 from the Federal Government as part of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act. The act included \$10 billion in funds for economic relief to airports across the U.S. How much each airport received was calculated by passenger counts, financial status, and airport category. Fremont's airport is classified as a Basic airport that supports emergency services, charter passenger service, cargo operation, flight training, and personal flying. Other communities in Nebraska received varying amounts, including Norfolk - \$69,000; North Platte - \$3,859,446; Hastings - \$30,000; Scottsbluff - \$1,058,818; and Blair - \$69,000. North Platte and Scottsbluff are regional airports with commuter service, which is the reason they received considerably more funds.

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