

City of Fremont Update

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

A Derecho Raises Havok in Fremont

Fremont and much of eastern Nebraska experienced a rare storm (called a derecho) packing powerful straight-line winds similar to an inland hurricane on Sunday and Monday mornings. In September of 2019, a super derecho, which was one of the strongest on record with 100-plus mph winds and traveled more than 1,000 miles in 24 hours, hitting parts of North Dakota, Minnesota, and Wisconsin. This year's derecho started in Nebraska and moved across Iowa, and parts of Wisconsin and Illinois. It too packed winds of 100 mph.



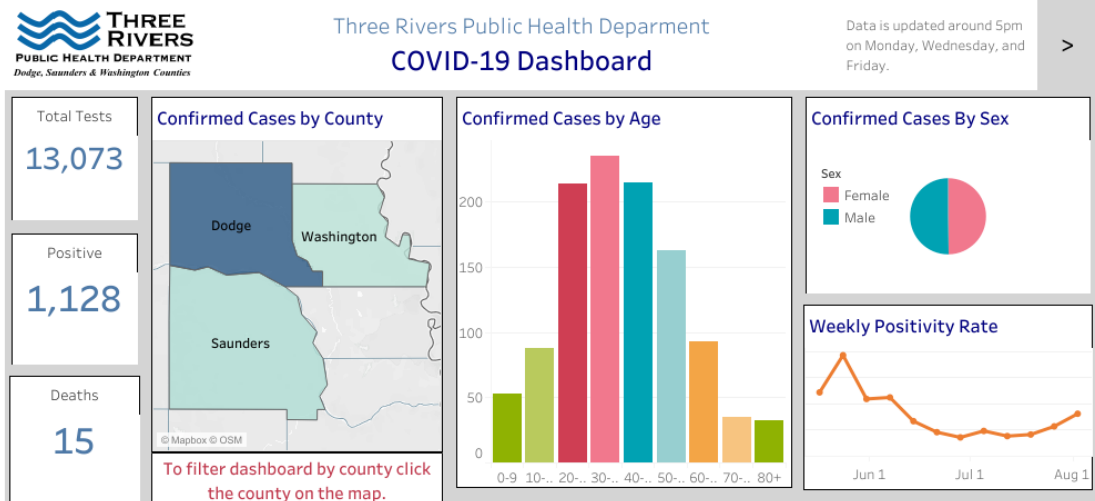
In Fremont, the derecho caused wide spread power outages and scattered tree damage in many parts of town.

Census Bureau Stopping Count Early

The Census Bureau will end its efforts to count the U.S. population a month early, at the end of September, even though more than a third of the nation has yet to respond to the decennial questionnaire. The Bureau said its door knocking efforts will cease and online self-response options would close on September 30 to allow for data processing. The original deadline was July 31, but it was extended in the spring to the end of October because of the coronavirus pandemic.

COVID-19

Here is a partial look at Dodge County's data on this week's COVID-19 Dashboard on Three Rivers Public Health Department website. The full dashboard can be found at: www.threeriverspublichealth.org under COVID-19 Updates, COVID-19 Dashboard.



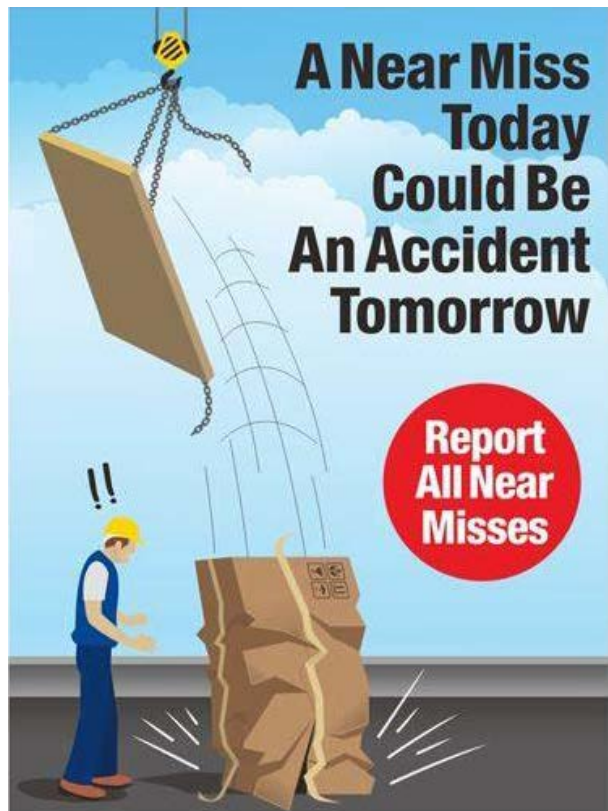
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A Close Call or a Narrow Escape: In Safety it's Called a Near Miss and It Is a Valuable Tool

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) defines a near miss as an incident in which no property was damaged and no personal injury was sustained, but where, given a slight shift in time or position, damage or injury easily could have occurred.

Near misses that are reported are valuable tools, here is why. Whether a near miss happens at home or at work, reporting it and discussing it can help others avoid a similar near miss. More importantly it can help avoid the possibility of an injury to someone. Some of the best safety programs allow near misses to be filed anonymously. They also use a near miss to identify root causes rather than assigning blame to someone.

Some of the reasons why a near miss program is an important part of a good safety program is 1) they provide warnings that can help educate; 2) they help to adjust the work environment; and 3) they help to avoid costly injuries and property damage. Incorporating what you learn from a near miss into a safety program will not only benefit the organization, but more importantly, keep you and everyone else safe.



Large Cottonwood Tree Removed Near Levee

Lottie Mitchell is shown in the picture on the right with Cameron, an employee with Pettiecord, Inc the contractor removing trees on the Fremont Farmland & Railroad Levee. The base of the tree measured nine feet across.

This tree and several other very large trees are part of the effort to remove all of the trees (and tree roots) at least 15-feet from the base on the both sides of the levee. Tree removal is required if we want to try to enroll the levee in the Corps of Engineers Levee Rehabilitation and Inspection Program (Public Law 84-99).

As the trees are being removed, they are being hauled by the contractor to the City Tree Dump on South Broad Street where they will be ground into wood chips.



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