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The Health Department Provides COVID-19 Updates for Sarpy and Cass County

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 4,402 Sarpy and Cass County residents test positive for COVID-19 out of the 54,559 tested. There have been 34 COVID-19 related deaths, including two the Department was notified of this week.

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

	Cass	Sarpy
Number of Tests	6,009	48,598
Number of Positive Individuals	361	4,041
Number of Recoveries	307	3,534
Number of Deaths	2	32
Positivity Rate	6.0%	8.3%
Percent of Positives Determined to be Community Acquired	35.7%	32.8%

Following is a summary for the week of September 27 – October 3

	Cass	Sarpy
Number of Tests	266	2,985
Number of Positive Individuals	35	261
Positivity Rate	13.2%	8.7%
Positivity Rate for Individuals Between the Ages of 5-12	10.5%	6.8%
Positivity Rate for Individuals Between the Ages of 13-18	13.0%	9.6%

The Sarpy/Cass COVID-19 Risk Dial is at "yellow," indicating a moderate 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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