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COVID update for Southwest Nebraska

Southwest Nebraska Public Health Department (SWNPHD) received 800 doses of Moderna COVID-19 vaccine in the last two weeks, which brings the total distribution to 8,100 doses for southwest Nebraska. SWNPHD and local partners continue to vaccinate, the ***focus of vaccination has been opened to anyone 18 years and older.***

The health district continues to utilize vaccinate.ne.gov as the official waiting list for the nine-county health district. Currently, persons are being vaccinated in one week or less. If you do not have computer access, please call 308-345-4223 to get on the waiting list.

The statewide COVID-19 Risk Dial, based on the amount of hospital capacity used for COVID patients, is currently in the green level. SWNPHD continues to recommend wearing a mask in public, washing hands and surfaces often, and avoiding the 3 C's: crowded spaces, close contact, and confined spaces. ***Per CDC guidelines, those who have been vaccinated do not need to mask when around others who have been vaccinated for COVID-19.***

SWNPHD had 29 new cases of COVID-19 reported March 15th to March 29th bringing the total number of cases to 3779. Chase – 2, Dundy – 2, Frontier – 1, Furnas – 1, Hayes – 0, Hitchcock – 1, Keith – 11, Perkins – 2 and Red Willow – 8. Testing for COVID-19 has decreased across the SW health district. SWNPHD will continue reporting COVID data bi-monthly, with updated information available on the website.

COVID-19 information can be found at swhealth.ne.gov. You can also follow SWNPHD on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram. SWNPHD serves Chase, Dundy, Frontier, Furnas, Hayes, Hitchcock, Keith, Perkins, and Red Willow counties. SWNPHD is located at 404 West 10th St (1 block north of Arby's) in McCook and can be reached by calling 308-345-4223.

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