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(Neb)-Sheridan County Records First 2 COVID-19 Cases

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SCOTTSBLUFF - Panhandle Unified Command on Friday confirmed 12 more cases of COVID-19, including the first 2 in Sheridan County and the 6th in Sioux County.

All the Sioux County cases have been in the past 2 weeks, but 2 have already recovered.

Morrill County had 6 of the Friday cases with the other 3 in Scotts Bluff County. 7 of the cases, including both in Sheridan County, were listed as community spread - meaning investigators couldn't pinpoint the spot of infection.

The Panhandle now has 279 positives out of 5,172 tests conducted for a cumulative positivity rate of 5.3%. Only 106 of the cases are currently active, though, with 2 deaths and 170 recoveries including both cases from Dawes County. Just 6 of the total 33 COVID-19 hospitalizations are active.

The latest statewide figures from Nebraska Health and Human Services showed 6 more COVID-19 deaths on Friday to push the total to 266.

There were also 178 more cases for a total of 18,524 - including 125 hospitalized and 12,698 recovered. The percentage of available hospital beds in the state dipped to 39% with 42% of ICU beds still open and 78% of ventilators available.