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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 2,531 Sarpy and Cass County residents test positive for COVID-19 out of the 34,467 tested. There have been 14 COVID-19 related deaths, including two deaths this week.

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

	Cass	Sarpy
Number of Tests	4,088	29,910
Number of Positive Tests	171	2,360
Number of Recoveries	139	1,948
Number of Deaths	2	12
Percent of Population Tested Positive	0.65%	1.26%
Percent of Positives Over the Age of 50 Years	38.6%	29.5%
Percent of Positives Determined to be Community Acquired	34.3%	31.8%

The Health Department offers 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](http://www.sarpycasshealthdepartment.org) or <http://dhhs.ne.gov/coronavirus> or call 211.

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