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## **District Health Department**

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Public Health Solutions (PHS) has released the PHS COVID-19 Dashboard and PHS COVID-19 Risk Dial. Both documents are available on the PHS website at: phsneb.org.

The COVID-19 dashboard includes positive case counts, demographics on positive cases, and data on recovery rates for the district.

Also released today is the COVID-19 Risk Dial. The dial is a visual indicator of the risk of COVID-19 community spread within the district. Categorized by color, the dial will indicate four categories of risk (low, medium, elevated, severe). A Community Guide is included with the risk dial and will provide recommendations for health and safety precautions, based on the current risk level. The risk dial will provide an overall picture of the COVID-19 risk level across the district and PHS will also note any cluster outbreaks or hotspots within the five counties.

"The risk dial placement is determined by a team at PHS", states Kim Showalter, PHS Health Director. "Our team looks at positivity rates, current case counts and trends, hospital capacity, availability of testing within the district, and any current cluster outbreaks or concerns in our counties".

Recovery rates for the district have been determined after interviews were conducted with individuals who are at least twenty-eight (28) days post a confirmed positive COVID-19 lab result. As of today, there were five hundred fifty-eight (558) individuals within the district who met the criteria to be interviewed. Of those individuals eligible for interview, three hundred thirty-eight (338) completed the recovery survey/interview with our contact investigators. The recovery rate data will be updated as completed recovery interviews are reported to PHS.

The dashboard and risk dial will be updated weekly, on Friday mornings.