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Update on COVID-19 Cases in PHS District

Public Health Solutions (PHS) reports new confirmed COVID-19 cases within the PHS district for the dates of 09/16/20 thru 09/23/20 (previous week):

Gage County: 37 new cases
Saline County: 41 new cases
Jefferson County: 0 new cases
Fillmore County: 6 new cases
Thayer County: 1 new case

Total cumulative cases for the PHS district: 1,053

This brings totals, by county, to two hundred twenty-one (221) for Gage, seven hundred twenty-two (722) for Saline, twenty-eight (28) for Jefferson, fifty-three (53) for Fillmore, and twenty-nine (29) for Thayer. These are cumulative totals and include individuals who previously tested positive for COVID-19 but have now recovered or remained asymptomatic.

From 09/16/2020 thru 09/23/2020, PHS received four hundred and ten (410) lab results. Of these results, a total of eighty-five (85) were positive, three hundred twenty-four (324) were negative, and one (1) was inconclusive for a one-week positivity rate of 20.73%. A cumulative total of ten thousand seven-hundred and eighty-nine (10,789) tests have been administered in the PHS district with an overall testing positivity rate of approximately 9.8%.

PHS identified two clusters in Gage County this week, one with at least 10 associated positive cases and additional probable cases to be confirmed. Positives among college students are increasing and campus staff within the district work to quickly and effectively identify high risk exposures and provide quarantine resources to students. Long-term care facilities are now conducting regular testing on their employees and this also accounts for cases over the past week. PHS has received reports of five individuals from the district who have been hospitalized with COVID-related illness over the past week.

The PHS Risk Dial and Data Dashboard are updated every Friday morning by 9:00 a.m. and can be

viewed on our website www.phsneb.org.

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