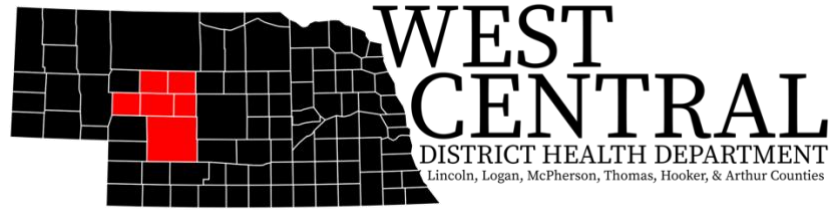


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COVID-19 Case Update in Lincoln County

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West Central District Health Department (WCDHD) has identified two hospitalized patients who have tested positive for COVID-19. While it is still early in the investigation, WCDHD will continue to aggressively work to determine the COVID-19 exposure source. This brings the total to five confirmed positive cases in Lincoln County.

The first case is a male in his 90's who is currently hospitalized.

The 2nd individual is a female in her 80's who is currently hospitalized.

"We want to continue to remind everyone on the importance of social distancing. Immediately isolating when ill and quarantining with high risk exposure will help mitigate the spread of infection." said Shannon Vanderheiden executive director of WCDHD.

Public health officials would like to remind everyone that if you have symptoms of respiratory illness, please IMMEDIATELY self-isolate and contact your healthcare provider or your local health department.