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## **Ending of the State of Emergency for Coronavirus**

Burwell, NE – On Monday, June 28, 2021, Governor Pete Ricketts announced the end of the Coronavirus State of Emergency effective 11:59 p.m. on June 30, 2021. Even though coronavirus is still on the forefront of Loup Basin Public Health Department's (LBPHD) communicable disease surveillance, the Executive Order 20-15 will expire 30 days after the end of the State of Emergency, which allowed for the reporting of COVID-19 cases by county. Due to this change in reporting allowance, LBPHD will be ending bi-weekly case updates to the public. "Our staff will continue to monitor COVID-19 as a communicable disease identifying outbreaks and performing case investigations, as we have done with other reportable diseases for many years prior to the pandemic," stated Executive Director Amanda Jeffres.

On the second Tuesday of the month, LBPHD will be doing a district update on COVID-19 cases and vaccinations rates.

On June 28<sup>th</sup>, Governor Ricketts also announced the end to free COVID-19 testing services through TestNebraska, which LBPHD offered testing through weekly on Mondays. Individuals who are symptomatic, exposed to COVID-19, or requiring testing for travel should seek testing from your local health care provider or at an urgent care near you.

As Nebraskans adapt to the new normal, which does involve COVID-19 and many other diseases that we focus on yearly, individuals are encouraged to remain vigilant and seek COVID-19 vaccinations to curb highly transmissible variants from becoming prevalent in the area. To prevent a summer surge in cases, remember to avoid the "Three C's": Crowded places, Close contact, and Confined spaces. LBPHD offers the COVID-19 vaccine for those who are 12+ every Tuesday and Friday, 8:30 A.M.- 4:00 P.M. Call the health department (308-346-5795) to schedule your appointment, walk-ins are welcomed. Additional COVID-19 resources can be found by visiting the CDC website.

Loup Basin Public Health Department serves nine counties including Blaine, Custer, Garfield, Greeley, Howard, Loup, Sherman, Valley and Wheeler.