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District Case Count Update

Burwell, NE – As of Friday, October 9, 2020, three hundred and ninety-seven (397) COVID-19 cases have been reported by Loup Basin Public Health Department (LBPHD).

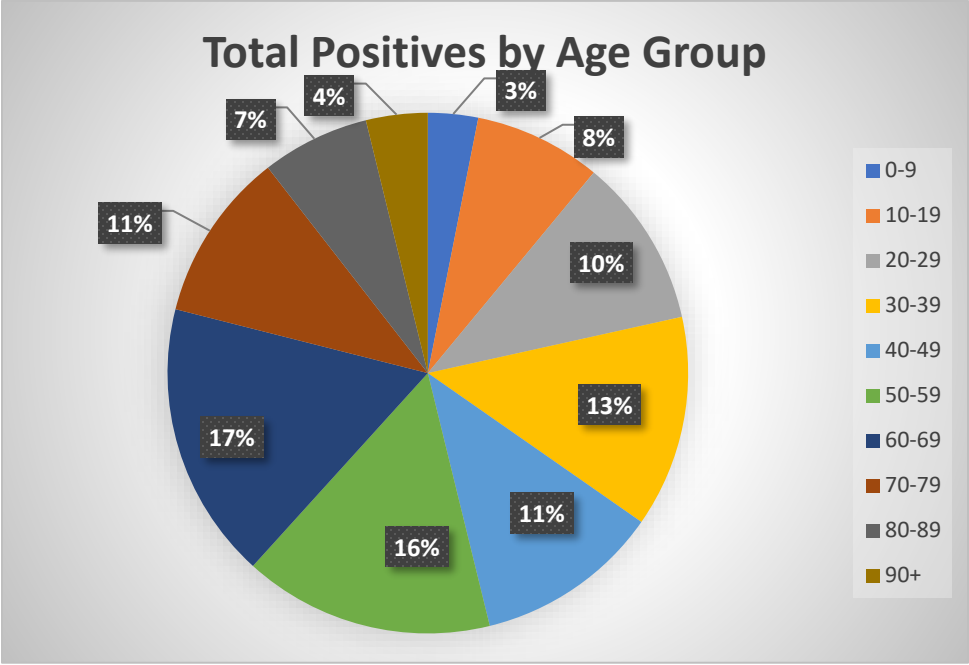
This increase is the largest single week jump in LBPHD’s district. Single digit (less than 10 cases) increases occurred within the district from May 22nd through July 31st. An average of 16 new cases a week were reported each week in August and 23 cases per week in September. The first two weeks of October have had surges of 48 and 75 cases.

Through contact tracing interviews, 52% of the cases in October have been unable to identify the source of their exposure. Many of those individuals have reported attending large gatherings such as weddings, church, birthday parties, sporting events, etc.

The breakdown by county below shows the number of positive tests since the start of the pandemic, the number of those considered to be recovered and the number of deaths attributed to COVID-19.

County	Positive Cases	Recovered	Deaths	Active Cases
Blaine	1	1	0	0
Custer	136	89	4	43
Garfield	11	9	0	2
Greeley	34	31	0	3
Howard	116	97	5	14
Loup	5	3	0	2
Sherman	35	27	2	6
Valley	56	44	0	12
Wheeler	3	1	0	2
Total	397	302	11	84

The average age of cases in the district was in the 70s early in the pandemic. Currently the average age of positive cases is 50. A graphical representation of the age groups of positive cases in LBPHD’s district can be seen below.



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