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District Case Count Update

Burwell, NE – As of Monday, January 4, 2021, 1,997 COVID-19 cases have been reported by Loup Basin Public Health Department (LBPHD). In the past two weeks, LBPHD has added 103 cases.

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	21	18	-	3
Custer	683	608	15	60
Garfield	133	124	6	3
Greeley	192	167	4	21
Howard	497	444	14	39
Loup	29	26	-	3
Sherman	150	137	4	9
Valley	257	235	3	19
Wheeler	35	29	-	6
Total	1,997	1,788	46	163

Loup Basin Public Health Department and our partners are currently vaccinating Phase 1A in Nebraska’s State Vaccination Plan. Phase 1A consists of the following individuals:

- Healthcare system staff (physicians, mid-level providers, nurses, radiology staff, phlebotomist/laboratory staff, anesthesia staff, patient transport, CNAs, reception staff, housekeeping, dietary staff, laundry staff, ward clerks, medical record staff, central supply staff, maintenance staff, admin support, etc.)
- Emergency Medical Services (EMS)
- COVID-19 vaccinators and specimen collectors
- Primary care physician clinics and staff
- Long Term Care (LTC) staff and residents

- Pharmacy
- Dentists, dental assistants, and hygienists
- School nurses
- Therapists (physical, occupational, and speech)
- Mental health providers, Psychologists/Psychiatrists
- Surveyors/inspectors of healthcare facilities
- Jail and prison healthcare staff
- Optometrists/Ophthalmologists
- Chaplains
- Public health workers
- Chiropractors
- Naturopaths
- Veterinarian staff

If you believe that you fit the criteria of Phase 1A vaccination and have not been vaccinated or scheduled to receive your vaccine, please call our office at 308-346-5795.

As the vaccination of Phase 1A individuals finish across the district (projected by January 8th), LBPHD will be moving into Phase 1B of Nebraska's vaccination plan. The first group to be vaccinated within Phase 1B include those 75 and older. As LBPHD and our partners are allocated vaccine from Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), clinics to vaccinate these individuals will be scheduled and advertised.

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