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Custer County Has Twenty-First COVID-19 Case

Burwell, NE – Loup Basin Public Health Department (LBPHD) is reporting the twenty-first (21) COVID-19 positive case in Custer County. The female in her 40s is isolating at home. Patient information is considered protected health information under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) and will not be provided to protect the patient's privacy. Contact tracing was completed by LBPHD and all those with known exposure have been asked to quarantine.

With the nicer weather, Nebraskan's will be getting outside performing their Spring yardwork. During this time, many visit garden centers and nurseries to purchase items.

Nurseries and garden centers should adhere to the following guidance to help slow the spread of COVID-19:

- Increase the footprint of the nursery or garden center to allow shoppers to maintain a **healthy physical distance** of at least 6 feet between each other. This may include limiting the number of shoppers at this time.
- Add **chalk/tape lines** to keep shoppers at least 6 feet apart. Directional arrows can also be utilized to direct patron flow through the market.
- Assign **additional staff on the grounds** to regulate customer flow and ensure physical distancing.
- Create ample spacing of products to reduce congestion.
- **Sanitize workstations and checkout stands regularly**, primarily by wiping down tables, terminals, cash boxes, etc.
- Make sure that staff stay home if they are sick.
- Provide additional hand sanitizer.
- The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recently recommend that people should wear cloth face masks when out in public.
- Consider using a credit-card reader when possible, to avoid the exchange of cash.



Those shopping in the nursery and garden centers should adhere to the following guidance to protect themselves from COVID-19:

- Determine if its necessary to visit the nursery or garden center, or if it could wait.
- Wear a cloth mask, as recommended by the CDC, when in public.
- Use hand sanitizer frequently.
- Shop by yourself and keep your distance from other customers.
- Shop with your eyes. Do not touch everything, only what you plan to purchase.
- Bring a list of items you would like to purchase so you can get in and quickly get what you need.

The above and additional ag guidance can be found at nda.nebraska.gov. You can visit our website (lbphd.org) or Facebook page for the latest information specific to LBPHD's jurisdiction.