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CDHD REPORTS THREE NEWLY CONFIRMED COVID-19 DEATHS IN THE CENTRAL DISTRICT

CDHD has been notified of three newly confirmed COVID-19 deaths in Central District. All three individuals were over age 80. There is no identified connection among them. “Our sympathies go out to the families of these individuals. Unfortunately, this sad announcement serves as a reminder that COVID-19 is still with us, and that our community is still at risk for additional cases, hospitalizations, and deaths from COVID-19,” states Anderson, adding, “We must not forget that the virus is still active, and that we need to continue with using masks in public places, seeking COVID-19 shots, avoiding large gatherings, and seeking testing if symptoms develop.”

CDHD reports a total of 76 new cases for the week ending April 10, 2021, with the week’s positivity rate of 13%. CDHD continues to provide drive through TestNebraska on Mondays from 10:00 am to 12:00 noon and on Thursdays from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm. Register at testnebraska.com or call 402-207-9377.

Vaccination clinics are going strong in the Central District. As of April 4th, 59% of those 65 and older, 26% of those age 50-64, 19% of those age 30-49, and 8% of those age 16-29 are fully vaccinated. This means that it has been two weeks for all of these people since they received either their second dose of Moderna or Pfizer vaccine, or two weeks after the one dose of Johnson & Johnson. “Our vaccination rates are about average compared to the rest of the state,” comments Anderson adding, “We are expecting less Johnson and Johnson for the next few weeks, but we have a good supply of Pfizer for vaccination of those age 16 and older. We will continue our efforts to use every dose we receive.”

Mass clinics using Pfizer vaccine will continue every Thursday at the Grand Island Community Fieldhouse with recently expanded hours of 9:00 am to 8:00 pm. No appointment is needed. Those seeking shots are advised to register before they come to the clinic at: vaccinate.ne.gov, or by calling 833-998-2275 or 531-249-1873. This will reduce waiting time at the clinic.

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