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To: All Press Outlets

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RE: Coronavirus Update

There are no cases of COVID-19 (otherwise known as the Coronavirus) in Colfax County. Test kits for Coronavirus are not yet available in Colfax County but limited test kits are available in the State of Nebraska if needed.

The public is asked to shelter in place and stay at home.

At the present time testing is prioritized as follows:

1. People over age 65 showing symptoms;
2. People with ongoing health issues that place them in a higher risk showing symptoms;
3. Those employed in the medical field; and
4. First responders including EMT's and law enforcement.

Colfax County is issuing a disaster declaration to include all cities, villages, schools, utility companies, first responders, fire and rescue departments, power providers, and hospitals.

The Colfax County Courthouse and Schuyler City Hall will remain open to the public at this time BUT before coming to the Courthouse and City Hall please contact the office you intend to visit to make an appointment. The telephone number to all offices in the Colfax County Courthouse is (402)352-8500. The telephone number for Schuyler City Hall is (402)352-3101.

With limited exceptions no more than ten (10) people are allowed to congregate or be together in one location at the same time. This rule applies to public buildings and offices such as the Colfax County Courthouse and Schuyler City Hall. If more than ten (10) people are in the same location at the same time, please leave the location and call to make an appointment at a later time to return. This rule applies to all public and private gatherings.

If you are aware of anyone over the age of 65 or anyone with ongoing health issues who may need extra assistance, or who officials need to check on periodically, please provide their name, address and telephone number to (402)352-7958.

If you have any questions regarding medical symptoms of the COVID-19 please dial 211 on your telephone. If your symptoms warrant you will be referred to a local COVID-19 testing facility.

If you are a businessowner or member of the public with general questions regarding Colfax County or the City of Schuyler's COVID-19 response please call (402)352-7958.

This pandemic can last up to eight (8) weeks or more.