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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**Additional Directed Health Measures in Place for Sarpy and Cass Counties**

**PAPILLION** – On Wednesday, March 25, 2020, the Chief Medical Officer for the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Service executed additional Directed Health Measures effective immediately for Sarpy, Cass and Douglas counties. These measures supersede the previous order that was put into place on March 19<sup>th</sup>. These measures are to help minimize the spread of COVID-19 and are in place through April 30, 2020. It is imperative that all residents comply with these mandates to protect the most vulnerable residents.

Below is an overview of the directives:

- Gatherings are hereby prohibited;
  - Gatherings are defined as any event or convening that brings together more than ten patrons, customers, or other invitees, excluding staff, in a single room or single space at the same time, including but not limited to, schools, daycare facilities, gyms, salons, fitness center, etc.
- Food and beverage sales at restaurants, bars, taverns, etc. are restricted to carry-out, drive-through, and delivery only.
- Elective surgeries and elective procedures are prohibited.
- Residents that test positive for COVID-19 or have two or more symptoms (fever greater than 100.4, cough, sore throat, shortness of breath, etc.) or an individual who resides with an individual who has tested positive or are showing symptoms shall home-quarantine for a period of no less than 14 days.

The health and safety of our community remains the top priority for the Health Department. More information on COVID-19 can be found at [www.sarpycasshealthdepartment.org](http://www.sarpycasshealthdepartment.org), <http://dhhs.ne.gov/coronavirus> and <https://www.cdc.gov/covid19>. The updated Directed Health Measures can be found at <https://governor.nebraska.gov/press/gov-ricketts-adds-lancaster-saunders-and-dodge-directed-health-measure-cass-douglas-sarpy>

Those with questions can call the Health Department at 402-339-4334 or 211.

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