



To Protect, Promote and Prioritize the Health of Our Entire  
Community

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### **DCHD Promotes the Three Cs**

As our state and the Douglas County community continue the response to COVID-19, it is important to remember many of the efforts in place are being done to protect hospital capacity. The need to keep hospital beds available for those in need remains a major concern.

That's why the Douglas County Health Department (DCHD) and our community partners have asked you to avoid the Three Cs. Those are:

- Crowded Spaces.
- Close Contacts.
- Confined Spaces.

Working together on this, we can help each other defeat COVID-19.

On Thursday, October 21, DCHD reported 223 new cases of COVID-19 that were received over the past day, ending at midnight. This makes 20,676 total cases in Douglas County since the outbreak began in March.

Over the past 14 days we have had 132 cases reported in schools, including 77 staff and 55 students. Schools report 286 staff and students are in quarantine with 596 self-monitoring.

The Health Department received three new death certificates during the past day related to COVID-19. We sadly have lost a woman in her 60s and two men over 75 years of age. The number of deaths in the county connected to the pandemic has increased to 218. DCHD has confirmed 14,559 county residents have recovered from the illness.

As of this morning, metro area hospitals had 263 medical and surgical beds available for an 82% occupancy rate with 81 Intensive Care Unit (ICU) beds available for a 74% occupancy rate. There were 176 individuals hospitalized who have been diagnosed with COVID 19 and 40 more persons of interest (generally waiting for test results). Fourteen individuals who were confirmed or suspected of having COVID-19 were on ventilators.

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