Date: March 5, 2020
To: School Administrators in Burt, Cuming, Stanton and Madison Counties
From: Gina Uhing, Health Director
RE: Students/faculty and recent travel to China, South Korea, Iran, Italy, Japan, Hong Kong, Singapore, Taiwan, and Thailand.

This guidance is being provided to you due to the increasing number of questions that we are getting in regards to students/faculty members who have traveled abroad to any of the countries listed above, affected by the COVID-19 outbreak. These updated guidelines (3/5/2020) are consistent with recommendations put forth by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the State of Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services.

For travelling students and/or faculty returning from China, Italy, Iran, and South Korea, home quarantine is recommended for 14 days, regardless of duties or locations visited within these countries. These individuals must register with Elkhorn Logan Valley Public Health Department for guidance. In addition, these individuals should register online at the following link: (https://cip-dhhs.ne.gov/redcap/surveys/?s=JKHEPR4DPR). If the travelling individual does not develop symptoms (fever, cough, shortness of breath) during the 14-day quarantine, he or she should be safe to return to work or school after the quarantine period.

For travelling students and/or faculty returning Japan, Hong Kong, Singapore, Taiwan, or Thailand register online at the following link: (https://cip-dhhs.ne.gov/redcap/surveys/?s=JKHEPR4DPR) or via phone at 402.529.2233.

1. If those returning are showing no symptoms, they may return to school and school-sponsored activities immediately upon their return to United States and may resume normal work activities, unless if the travelling student/faculty member had known direct contact with someone with COVID-19, or worked abroad in a healthcare facility. See number three below.
2. If those students/faculty members should develop symptoms after returning to school or work (e.g. fever or respiratory symptoms), he or she should promptly be sent home and:
   a. Inform Elkhorn Logan Valley Public Health Department by calling 402.529.2233
3. Those returning to United States who had higher risk while abroad, including known contact with a case of COVID-19, or worked abroad in a healthcare facility, are recommended to institute the 14-day home quarantine and contact Elkhorn Logan Valley Public Health Department for directions.
4. There is no recommendation at this time to cancel school-sponsored or school-related domestic travels.

At this time, any students or faculty members that have visited other countries outside of China, South Korea, Iran, Italy, Japan, Hong Kong, Singapore, Taiwan, or Thailand it is NOT the recommendations to exclude those students and faculty members from returning to school or school-sponsored activities immediately upon their return.

Elkhorn Logan Valley Public Health Department, and other public health partners in Nebraska, are working closely with state and federal agencies to protect our community. Thank you for your understanding and for helping to protect the health of our community, including our school students and faculty members. Please note that this guidance may change without notice as the outbreak unfolds. If
you should have any questions, please contact our office at 402.529.2233 (or 402.841.8110 after business hours).