

## NEWS RELEASE

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### **Delta Variant Identified at Wurst Tag Festival in Eustis**

Southwest Nebraska Public Health Department (SWNPHD) has identified two additional cases of the B.1.617 strain of COVID-19, also known as the Delta variant.

After an epidemiological investigation, SWNPHD staff determined that there was likely transmission of the Delta variant that occurred at the Wurst Tag Festival in Eustis, Nebraska during the weekend of June 11th through June 13th, 2021. At least one person in attendance has been confirmed to have been infected with the B.1.617 Delta variant while at the festival.

If you attended this festival on any of these dates and became ill, please self-isolate immediately. Call your healthcare provider and get tested for COVID-19. Notify other individuals that you were in contact with up to 2 days or 48 hours before your symptoms started, so they can self-quarantine and seek medical attention if necessary. This will help reduce the spread of this highly contagious strain of COVID-19.

Symptoms may appear 2-14 days after exposure to the virus. People with these symptoms may have COVID-19:

- Fever or chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

Because of the risk the Delta variant poses to your community, SWNPHD asks residents in the nine-county health district to use caution during the Fourth of July holiday weekend. Vaccination continues to be the best way to protect against COVID-19.

COVID-19 information can be found at [swhealth.ne.gov](http://swhealth.ne.gov). You can also follow SWNPHD on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram. SWNPHD serves Chase, Dundy, Frontier, Furnas, Hayes, Hitchcock, Keith, Perkins, and Red Willow counties. SWNPHD is located at 404 West 10th Street in McCook.

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