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# Being in Phase 4

## York County joins the rest of the state in new COVID-related guidelines

By **Melanie Wilkinson**  
MANAGING EDITOR

YORK — Phase 4 has begun, which means many restrictions mandated in Phase 3 will no longer be mandates by law — they are now “recommended best practices” for many businesses and organizations.

The percentage of capacity of indoor spaces remains the same as it was in Phase 3. Phase 4 keeps a 75 percent capacity limit on large indoor venues.

But all the other state-imposed mandates in Phase 3 are now considered to be voluntary.

It does not override local mask mandates in Lincoln and Omaha, nor does it supersede rules set by public and private universities and local school districts.

When the change was announced, it was explained by state officials that the decision to pare down restrictions was made based on the capacity of Nebraska medical facilities to handle an increase in patients.

“The goal has always

been to protect hospital capacity and capacity remains stable,” said Governor Pete Ricketts’ spokesman Taylor Gage.

The new measures that are now in place apply to all counties in Nebraska except for Lancaster County where officials there are waiting to enter Phase 4.

Laura McDougall, the director of the Four Corners Health Department, has explained that restrictions such as banning buffets in restaurants or wearing masks in salons “are no longer prohibited in the Directed Health Measures. However, they will still remain as recommendations to help limit the spread of COVID-19 and they are still encouraged by the health department.”

As of Tuesday morning, Sept. 15, the cumulative total of COVID-19 cases in York County (since the pandemic began) is 135. That means less than one (.9802) percent of York County’s population has had the virus.

According to local

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## YORK



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Lee Osterholt, of Lincoln, won the Highest Hippy Jump with a height of 48 inches during the annual Yorkfest skateboarding contest.

# YORKFEST MAKES MEMORIES

By **Jessica Votipka** | FEATURES EDITOR

YORK — It was a Yorkfest to be remembered. Yorkfest 2020 celebrated York’s 150th birthday, but it might be the coronavirus adjustments that were most memorable.

“We made a lot of adjustments to how the weekend was run,” said Madonna Mogul, York Chamber of Commerce Executive Director.

The facet of Yorkfest that had the most adjustments was the parade — or, as some called it, the “grand

procession.” The date of the parade fell while Phase 3 directed health measures were in effect. Onlookers had to stay in their vehicles on reserves spots along the route, and

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Trinity Lutheran School of Waco showed school spirit with their Yorkfest Parade float.

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## YORK



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York Public Schools Board of Education member Amie Kopcho (left) reads the district’s tax request resolution, which the board passed unanimously. Also pictured are BOE members Alison Graham (center) and Jean Vincent.

# Unchanged York Public Schools levy approved

By **Jessica Votipka**  
FEATURES EDITOR

YORK — Good news for York Public Schools District tax payers: with a property valuation increase of 1%, the district’s 2020-2021 school year tax request will remain unchanged.

“Last year at this time we were dealing with a drop

[in property valuation],” said Mitch Bartholomew, YPS Superintendent. “As the valuation went up, the good thing is we’re leaving our levy ‘as is.’”

The levy remains at

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## COURT

# York woman gets plea deal in meth case

By **News-Times Staff**

YORK — Nayeli Manriquez, 23, of York, appeared this past week in York County District for a status hearing in her case involving felony

possession of methamphetamine.

During that hearing, the prosecutor said a plea agreement had been reached in the matter.

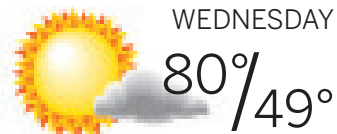
According to court documents,

the York Police Department assisted with a probation-related residential search of a property where Manriquez and another woman were liv-

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## WEATHER

WEDNESDAY



Mostly sunny with a high of 80. A 10% chance of rain. Winds from the north at 14 mph. Wednesday night a mostly clear sky with a low of 49. Winds from the northeast at 5 to 10 mph.

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## OVERVIEW

Baer’s Furniture. There will be walk-up service and outdoor seating. Drive-through service will also be available in the alley by Spectrum. To call in/pick up, call 402-710-0976 or 402-710-0420. All the proceeds will be donated to the playground project.

### York Area Agriculture Hall of Fame Induction

YORK — The annual York Area Agricultural Hall of Fame induction will be held Sunday, Oct. 4, at 1:30 p.m., in the basement of the historic

church at Wessels Living History Farm. Two people will be honored, with a brief ceremony to include the stories about their hard work in the area of agriculture. Those in attendance will also be able to see the now-76-plaque display in the tractor building, which tell the stories of all those who have been honored in York County for their dedication to agriculture. Attendees will also be able to visit the other features of the farm as well.