

Teammates,

Last week, Governor Pete Ricketts held a press conference announcing the end of Nebraska's [coronavirus state of emergency](#). The state of emergency began on March 13, 2020 and officially ended at 11:59pm on June 30, 2021.

Along with this announcement, the Governor also announced that the TestNebraska program will conclude by the end of July. Our team here at DAS was instrumental in the contracting, implementation, management and [overall success of TestNebraska](#). The program provided over 500 thousand free COVID-19 tests in 2020 alone.

During the news conference, the Governor praised Nebraskans for their help in the fight against COVID-19, and I would like to again thank all of our DAS teammates for [your incredible work](#) in response to the pandemic. Our team was responsible for procuring essential personal protective equipment for those on the front lines battling COVID-19; for processing millions of dollars worth of federal relief funds; working with various state agencies and groups to provide COVID-19 related housing; and ensuring the continuity of operations within state government to be able to provide essential services. These are just a few ways [that DAS stepped up](#), all while ensuring our customers were supported with high-level customer service so that they could continue to deliver their essential services to Nebraskans.

Thanks to all of your work and sacrifices, and those of so many Nebraskans, our State has ranked among the best in the nation for its low fatality rate from the virus, low unemployment, and for getting kids back in school.

As we continue to recover from the pandemic and return to a more normal way of life, I know that DAS will continue to be a leader in customer-service in state government.

You can view the entirety of the [press conference here](#).

Regards,

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