

COVID-19 JIC UPDATE 4/4/2020

Governor's Press Conference

The governor did not hold a press conference today and is not planning to hold one on Sunday.

Governor's Press Releases

Additional COVID-19 cases in Iowa, additional deaths confirmed

DES MOINES - The Iowa Department of Public Health (IDPH) has been notified of 87 additional positive cases of Iowans with COVID-19, for a total of 786 positive cases. An additional three deaths were also reported: an older adult (61-80 years) from Linn County, a middle-aged adult (41-60 years) from Henry County, and an older adult (61-80 years) from Polk County. There have been a total of 9,454 negative tests to date, which includes testing reported by the State Hygienic Lab and other labs.

According to IDPH, the locations and age ranges of the 87 individuals include:

- Black Hawk County, 1 middle age adult (41-60 years), 1 older adult (61-80 years)
- Bremer County, 1 adult (18-40 years)
- Clinton County, 1 adult (18-40 years)
- Dubuque County, 2 middle age adults (41-60 years)
- Grundy County, 1 middle age adult (41-60 years)
- Howard County, 1 adult (18-40 years)
- Iowa County, 1 adult (18-40 years)
- Jefferson County, 1 middle age adult (41-60 years)
- Johnson County, 7 adults (18-40 years), 5 middle age adults (41-60 years), 1 older adult (61-80 years)
- Keokuk County, 1 older adult (61-80 years)
- Lee County, 1 older adult (61-80 years)
- Linn County, 3 adults (18-40 years), 9 middle age adults (41-60 years), 6 older adults (61-80 years), 2 elderly adults (81+)
- Lyon County, 1 older adult (61-80 years)
- Mills County, 1 middle age adult (41-60 years)
- Muscatine County, 1 adult (18-40 years), 3 middle age adults (41-60 years), 1 elderly adult (81+)
- Plymouth County, 2 adults (18-40 years)
- Polk County, 1 adult (18-40 years), 4 middle age adults (41-60 years), 4 older adults (61-80 years)
- Pottawattamie County, 1 adult (18-40 years), 1 middle age adult (41-60 years)
- Scott County, 3 adults (18-40 years), 2 middle age adults (41-60 years), 2 elderly adults (81+)
- Sioux County, 1 adult (18-40 years), 1 older adult (41-60 years)
- Tama County, 1 adult (18-40 years), 2 older adults (61-80 years), 4 elderly adults (81+)
- Van Buren County, 1 older adult (41-60 years)
- Warren County, 1 elderly adult (81+)

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- Washington County, 1 adult (18-40 years), 1 middle age adult (41-60 years), 2 older adults (61-80 years)

A status report of monitoring and testing of COVID-19 in Iowa is provided by IDPH and can be found [here](#). In addition, a public hotline has been established for Iowans with questions about COVID-19. The line is available 24/7 by calling 2-1-1 or 1-800-244-7431. The state of Iowa has started sharing the number of negative tests conducted at outside labs, and is providing additional information on the conditions of those infected with COVID-19.

NOTE: One case initially assigned to Dubuque County, upon further investigation, was determined to be a person who is a resident of Jackson County.

Iowa receives \$44 million for reimbursement of COVID-19 response costs

DES MOINES - Today Gov. Kim Reynolds received word from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) that more than \$44 million has been obligated to the State of Iowa for reimbursement of expenses related to the COVID-19 response.

“Our health care workers are on the frontlines battling the COVID-19 pandemic, and they have the State of Iowa’s full support,” said Gov. Reynolds. “FEMA’s reimbursement will allow Iowa to buy additional personal protective equipment (PPE). We appreciate President Trump and his team for supporting the health and safety of Iowans during this unprecedented crisis.”

These funds were obligated under the Presidential Major Disaster Declaration approved for Iowa by President Trump on March 23 and will be used to reimburse the State of Iowa for costs it has incurred in March and April to implement emergency protective measures. These emergency protective measures have included the purchase of PPE such as gowns, masks, and face shields to support the response efforts of hospitals and clinics, local governments, and certain nonprofit entities.

The Iowa Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management, which is responsible for coordination of disaster response resources, submitted for reimbursement to FEMA a cost of approximately \$59 million for emergency protective measures taken by the State of Iowa in response to COVID-19.

The \$44 million is the 75 percent federal share of that total cost, with the State covering the remaining 25 percent. However, the State of Iowa has requested FEMA cover 100 percent of the eligible costs. As the COVID-19 response continues, additional costs will be submitted to FEMA for reimbursement.

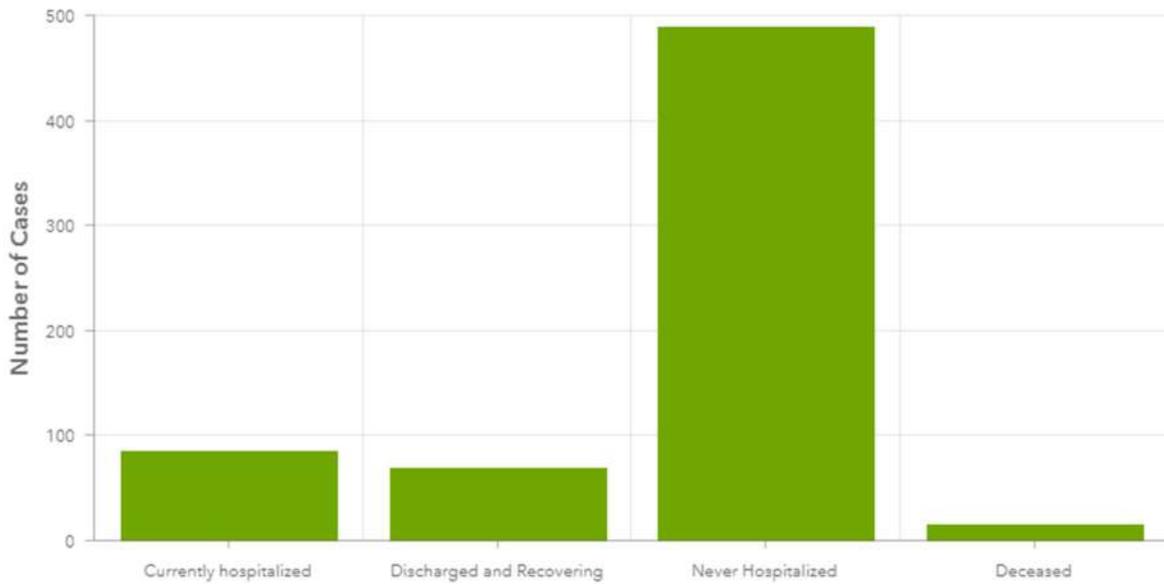
Iowa COVID-19 Case Demographics

Cases by Age & Gender



Last update: 2 minutes ago

Iowa COVID-19 Case Hospitalization Data



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Additional Information Resources

State of Iowa

<https://coronavirus.iowa.gov/>

State of Iowa COVID-19 page with resources for residents from case numbers, state agency resources, and health information.

CDC

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>

This page provides information on COVID-19 from the CDC. At the very bottom you can sign up to receive a COVID-19 newsletter.

Iowa Department of Public Health

During her daily press conference on 3/30/2020, Governor Reynolds called upon Iowans to help make masks. IDPH previously provided guidance for making homemade masks which can be found here:

https://idph.iowa.gov/Portals/1/userfiles/7/Homemade%20Mask%20Design%20Guidance%203_28_20.pdf

Everyone needs help sometimes, Iowans who are experiencing stress, anxiety or fear related to COVID-19 can visit Your Life Iowa through the following sources:

- Web <https://yourlifeiowa.org/>
- Call: 855.581.8111
- Text: 855.895.8398

IDPH continuously updates information on their COVID-19 page. Find new press releases here:

https://idph.iowa.gov/Emerging-Health-Issues/Novel-Coronavirus?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery

Iowa Workforce Development

Iowans who may qualify for unemployment due to COVID-19 or under the CARES Act can find information and a link to apply online here: <https://www.iowaworkforcedevelopment.gov/>

Volunteer Iowa

Volunteer Iowa has set up an online volunteer event page for COVID-19-related volunteer opportunities. Opportunities are listed on the statewide online volunteer portal:

http://volunteeriowa.galaxydigital.com/need/?s=1&need_init_id=3002

Volunteer Iowa is also working to get volunteer centers, food banks, etc. to populate their volunteer needs on the portal so individuals have a place to go to search for volunteer opportunities.

Iowa Legal Aid

Individuals with questions of a legal nature can call the COVID-19 Legal Information Hotline at 1-800-332-0419. The hotline was developed in partnership with Iowa Legal Aid, the Iowa State Bar Association, and the Polk County Volunteer Lawyer Project. The hotline can assist Iowans with business and compliance issues and other personal legal concerns. More information at <https://www.iowalegalaid.org/>.

Iowa Secretary of State

Iowa Secretary of State Paul Pate announced his office plans to mail an absentee ballot request form to

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every active registered voter in the state ahead of the June 2 primary. The forms will be sent in mid-late April and will include prepaid postage for return mailing to county auditors. See the press release for additional information.

https://sos.iowa.gov/news/2020_03_31.html

Small Business Loans

Governor Reynolds announced that the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) has issued a disaster declaration for the state of Iowa as of January 31, 2020, and continuing. The declaration allows pandemic-impacted small businesses to apply for low-interest support loans. The declaration comes after Iowa Governor Kim Reynolds submitted a federal funding request via the SBA's Economic Injury Disaster Loan program.

Applications can be made via the SBA's website: <https://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela/>

Applicants can monitor the status of their applications online after submission.

For questions, please contact the SBA disaster assistance customer service center at 1-800-659-2955 (TTY: 1-800-877-8339) or email disastercustomerservice@sba.gov.

Additional resources for businesses can be accessed at www.safeguardiowa.org.

Rumor Control

The World Health Organization has introduced a rumor control website that also has downloadable graphics. It is available: <https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019/advice-for-public/myth-busters>

FEMA is operating a rumor control page at <https://www.fema.gov/coronavirus-rumor-control>

FEMA also provides other great resources like fact sheets: <https://www.fema.gov/coronavirus>

Federal Coronavirus Site: <https://www.coronavirus.gov/>

The CDC also addresses this on their site: https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/share-facts.html?CDC_AA_refVal=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.cdc.gov%2Fcoronavirus%2F2019-ncov%2Fabout%2Fshare-facts.html

Medicare Scams and Fraud information: <https://www.medicare.gov/medicare-coronavirus>. Iowans can contact Iowa Senior Medicare Patrol for information about scams and to report Fraud. Iowa Senior Medicare Patrol is housed in the Iowa Insurance Division. <https://shiip.iowa.gov/smp/>

FDA Fraudulent COVID-19 kits Information: <https://www.fda.gov/news-events/press-announcements/coronavirus-covid-19-update-fda-alerts-consumers-about-unauthorized-fraudulent-covid-19-test-kits>. Overall Website: <https://www.fda.gov/emergency-preparedness-and-response/mcm-issues/coronavirus-disease-2019-covid-19>

Comparison of Surrounding States to Iowa

As of 4/04/20, the following is an overview of actions taken by Iowa and surrounding states concerning disaster declarations, shelter in place orders, school closures, business closures, and travel restrictions.

STATE	GOVERNORS DISASTER PROCLAMATION	PRESIDENTIAL MAJOR DISASTER DECLARATION	GOVERNORS SHELTER IN PLACE ORDER	PUBLIC SCHOOLS	Non-essential Business Closures	TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS BETWEEN STATE BORDERS
Iowa	COVID-19 Emergency Declaration	Major Disaster Declaration Approved 3/22/2020	None	Closed until 4/30/2020	Closed until 4/30/2020	None
Illinois	COVID-19 Emergency Declaration	Major Disaster Declaration Approved 3/26/2020	Entire State of Illinois until 04/30/2020	Closed until 04/30/2020	Closed until further notice	None
Missouri	COVID-19 Emergency Declaration	Major Disaster Declaration Approved 3/26/2020	Kansas City 04/24/2020, St. Joseph 04/24/2020, St. Louis 04/23/2020, Boone County 04/25/2020, Cass County 04/24/2020, Clay County 04/24/2020, Clay County 04/24/2020, Clay County 04/24/2020, Kansas City 04/24/2020, St. Joseph 04/24/2020, St. Louis 04/23/2020, Boone County 04/25/2020, Cass County 04/24/2020, Clay County 04/24/2020, Clay County 04/24/2020, Cole County 04/23/2020, Greene County 04/26/2020, Jackson County 04/24/2020, Jefferson County 04/24/2020,			None

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			Platte County 04/24/2020 , Randolph County 04/25/2020, Ray County 04/25/2020, St. Louis County 04/23/2020			
Nebraska	COVID-19 Emergency Declaration	Major Disaster Declaration Approved 04/04/2020	None	Closed until further notice	Closed until further notice	None
Wisconsin	COVID-19 Emergency Declaration		Entire State of Wisconsin until 4/25/2020	Closed until further notice	Closed until further notice	None
Minnesota	COVID-19 Emergency Declaration Signed		Entire State of Minnesota until 4/10/2020	Closed until further notice	Closed until further notice	None

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@IowaHSEMD Twitter: @IowaHSEMD



