

COVID-19 JIC UPDATE 4/8/2020

Governor's Press Conference

At today's press conference Governor Reynolds, along with Director Debi Durham of the Iowa Economic Development Authority provided information on assistance under the Iowa Small Business Relief Fund, Iowa Business Tax Deferral, and other programs and resources on business relief.

Governors Proclamations

On April 6th, Gov. Reynolds signed a new proclamation continuing the State Public Health Emergency Declaration and ordering additional closures. The proclamation also calls on law enforcement to assist in the enforcement of these mitigation efforts. Read the proclamation in full [here](#):

Additional COVID-19 cases in Iowa, additional death confirmed

Des Moines - The Iowa Department of Public Health (IDPH) has been notified of 97 additional positive cases for a total of 1,145 positive cases. There have been an additional 1,151 negative tests for a total of 12,821 negative tests to date, which includes testing reported by the State Hygienic Lab and other labs.

According to IDPH, an additional 1 death was also reported.
Linn County, 1 elderly adult (81+)

According to IDPH, the locations and age ranges of the 97 individuals include:

Allamakee County, 1 adult (18-40 years), 1 older adult (61-80 years)

Benton County, 1 child (0-17 years)

Black Hawk County, 1 adult (18-40 years), 3 middle-age adults (41-60 years)

Cedar County, 3 adults (18-40 years), 1 older adult (61-80 years)

Clinton County, 1 adult (18-40 years), 1 middle-age adult (41-60 years)

Crawford County, 1 adult (18-40 years)

Harrison County, 1 adult (18-40 years)

Henry County, 2 adults (18-40 years)

Johnson County, 10 adults (18-40 years), 1 middle-age adult (41-60 years), 2 older adult (61-80 years)

Linn County, 1 child (0-17 years), 4 adults (18-40 years), 1 middle-age adult (41-60 years), 3 older adults (61-80 years), 2 elderly adults (81+)

Louisa County, 4 adults (18-40 years), 5 middle-age adults (41-60 years), 1 older adult (61-80 years)

Marshall County, 1 adult (18-40 years)

Muscatine County, 4 adults (18-40 years), 5 middle-age adults (41-60 years), 1 older adult (61-80 years)

Polk County, 2 adults (18-40 years), 4 middle-age adults (41-60 years), 1 older adult (61-80 years)

Pottawattamie County, 1 middle-age adult (41-60 years), 1 older adult (61-80 years)

Scott County, 4 adults (18-40 years), 7 middle-age adults (41-60 years), 1 older adult (61-80 years)

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

Warren County, 1 elderly adult (81+)

Washington County, 3 adults (18-40 years), 1 middle-age adult (41-60 years), 1 older adult (61-80 years)

Webster County, 1 older adult (61-80 years)

Woodbury County, 2 middle-age adults (41-60 years)

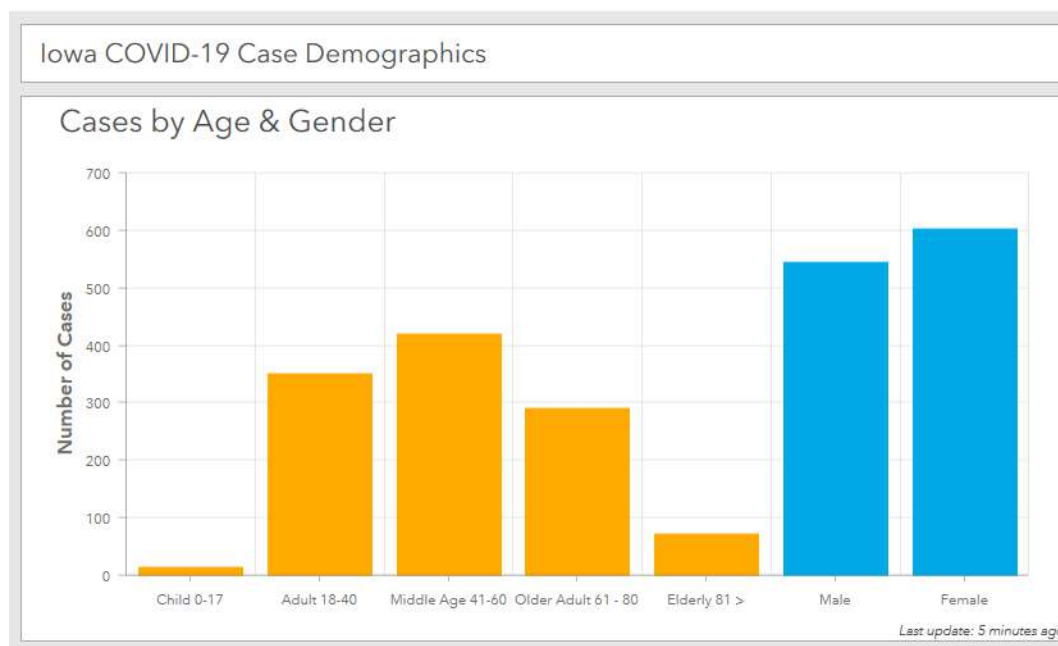
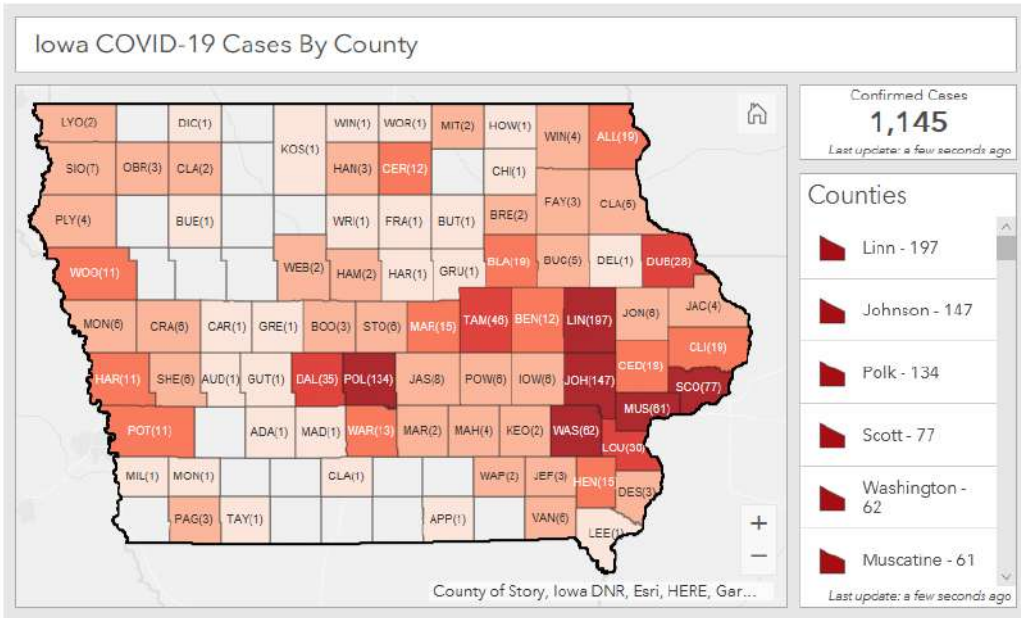
Worth County, 1 middle-age adult (41-60 years)

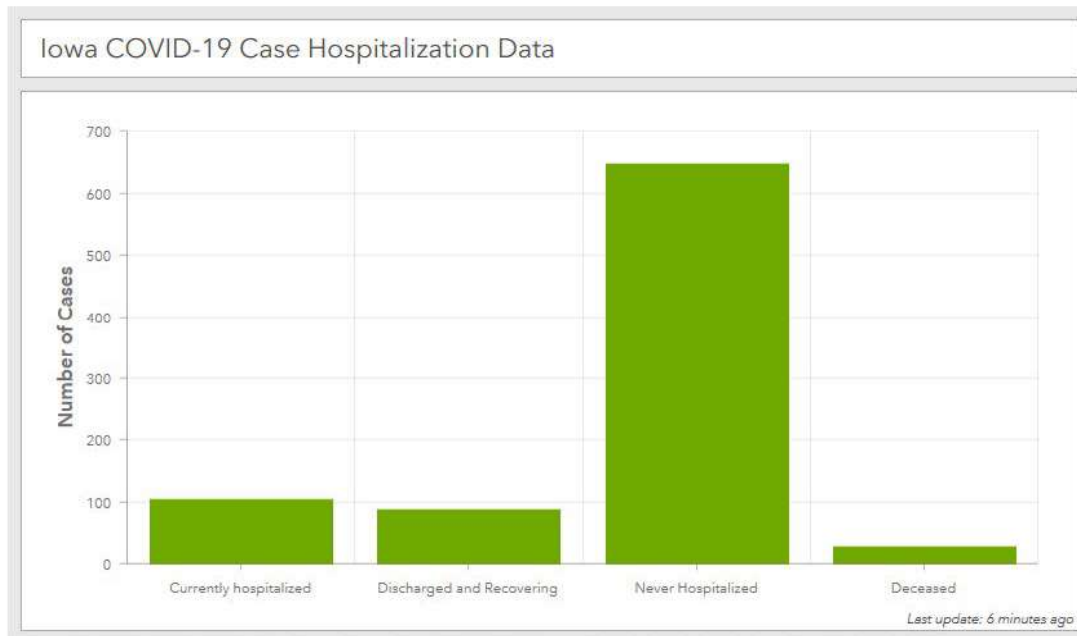
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A status report of monitoring and testing of COVID19 in Iowa is provided by IDPH and can be found [here](#). In addition, a public hotline has been established for Iowans with questions about COVID-19. The line is available 24/7 by calling 2-1-1 or 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.

Map Data

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





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 bottom of the page you can sign up to receive a COVID-19 newsletter.

Iowa Department of Public Health

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/>

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Iowa Business Recovery Assistance

Iowa businesses can receive relief assistance for qualifying business concerns. More information can be found at: <https://www.iowaeconomicdevelopment.com/businessrecovery.com>

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 resource 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 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

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 Gov. 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 resources like fact sheets: <https://www.fema.gov/coronavirus>

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

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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://shipp.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 4/08/2020, 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 3/23/2020	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	Entire state of Missouri 4/6/2020 to 4/24/2020	4/24/2020	4/24/2020	None
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	Major Disaster Declaration Approved 04/04/2020	Entire State of Wisconsin until 4/25/2020	Closed until further notice	Closed until further notice	None
Minnesota	COVID-19 Emergency Declaration Signed	Major Disaster Declaration Approved 04/07/2020	Entire State of Minnesota until 4/10/2020	Closed until further notice	Closed until further notice	None

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HSEMD

JIC staff continues to post on social media.

Facebook: @IowaHSEMD

Twitter: @IowaHSEMD

