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Governor’s Press Conference
At today’s press conference Governor Reynolds, along with Director Beth Townsend of Iowa Workforce Development provided information on current Iowa unemployment claims and highlighted available assistance under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act of 2020.

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 deaths confirmed

DES MOINES - The Iowa Department of Public Health (IDPH) has been notified of 125 additional positive cases for a total of 1,270 positive cases. There have been an additional 882 negative tests for a total of 13,703 negative tests to date, which includes testing reported by the State Hygienic Lab and other labs.

According to IDPH, an additional 2 deaths were also reported.

- Linn County, 1 older adult (61-80 years), 1 elderly adult (81+)

According to IDPH, the locations and age ranges of the 125 individuals include:

- Benton County, 1 adult (18-40 years), 2 middle age adults (41-60 years)
- Black Hawk County, 1 adult (18-40 years), 1 middle age adult (41-60 years)
- Boone County, 1 middle age adults (41-60 years)
- Buchanan County, 1 middle age adult (41-60 years)
- Cedar County, 1 middle age adults (41-60 years)
- Cerro Gordo County, 1 middle age adult (41-60 years)
- Chickasaw County, 1 middle age adults (41-60 years)
- Clinton County, 1 child (0-17 years), 1 older adult (61-80 years)
- Dallas County, 1 middle age adult (41-60 years)
- Dubuque County, 1 adult (18-40 years), 2 middle age adults (41-60 years)
- Iowa County, 1 adult (18-40 years)
- Jasper County, 1 middle age adult (41-60 years)
- Johnson County, 8 adults (18-40 years), 12 middle age adults (41-60 years), 4 older adults (61-80 years)
- Jones County, 2 middle age adults (41-60 years)
- Linn County, 1 child (0-17 years), 7 adults (18-40 years), 6 middle age adults (41-60 years), 3 older adults (61-80), 1 elderly adult (81+)
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- Louisa County, 4 adults (18-40 years), 6 middle age adults (41-60 years), 1 elderly adult (81+)
- Marshall County, 1 adult (18-40 years), 1 middle age adult (41-60 years), 1 older adult (61-80 years)
- Muscatine County, 1 adult (18-40 years), 6 middle age adults (41-60 years), 1 older adult (61-80 years), 1 elderly adult (81+)
- Polk County, 2 adults (18-40 years), 3 middle age adults (41-60 years), 1 older adult (61-80 years)
- Scott County, 1 child (0-17 years), 6 adults (18-40 years), 2 middle age adults (41-60 years), 2 older adults (61-80 years)
- Story County, 1 middle age adult (41-60 years)
- Tama County, 3 adults (18-40 years), 9 middle age adults (41-60 years), 3 older adults (61-80 years), 2 elderly adults (81+)
- Washington County, 2 middle age adults (41-60 years), 1 elderly adult (81+)
- Winneshiek County, 1 middle age adult (41-60 years)
- Woodbury County, 1 adult (18-40 years)

A status report of monitoring and testing of COVID-19 in Iowa is provided by IDPH and can be found [here](https://idph.iowa.gov/Emerging-Health-Issues/Novel-Coronavirus?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery). 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.

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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
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


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/

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.


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/


Comparison of Surrounding States to Iowa

As of 4/09/2020, 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.
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