COVID-19 JIC UPDATE 4/21/2020

Please note: The JIC update will be issued Monday through Friday.

Governor’s Press Conference
The Governor held a press conference at 11:00 a.m. today

Governor’s Press Releases

Gov. Reynolds launches Test Iowa Initiative to expand testing capacity to limit the spread of COVID-19

DES MOINES - Today, Governor Kim Reynolds launched the Test Iowa Initiative to expand testing capacity to limit the spread of COVID-19 in Iowa. The state is partnering with Nomi Health and its subsidiary DOMO which has already launched a similar initiative in the state of Utah.

Gov. Reynolds made the announcement at today’s news conference. Watch here.

“Iowa is now the second state in the nation to deploy this ambitious initiative, and starting today I am encouraging Iowans to go to testiowa.com to complete their own health assessment,” said Gov. Reynolds. “This type of information will help Iowans assess eligibility for testing and further inform the state’s response to COVID-19.”

The Test Iowa Initiative includes an assessment that was developed in coordination with the Iowa Department of Public Health and it will better inform Iowans of their current health status, whether or not they should get a COVID-19 test, and instructions on how to get tested. The assessment asks about existing symptoms and occupational considerations.

Governor Reynolds also kicked off the #TestIowaChallenge in a video encouraging Iowans to go to testiowa.com and complete the assessment. The #TestIowaChallenge encourages all Iowans regardless of symptoms to take the assessment and get tested if needed. Those part of the essential workforce are especially encouraged to take the assessment and then get tested if needed.

Additional COVID-19 cases in Iowa, additional deaths confirmed

DES MOINES - Today, the Iowa Department of Public Health (IDPH) has been notified of 482 additional positive cases for a total of 3,641 positive cases. There have been an additional 1,313 negative tests for a total of 23,974 negative tests to date, which includes testing reported by the State Hygienic Lab and other labs.

According to IDPH, an additional 4 deaths were also reported, 214 are currently hospitalized, and 1,293 Iowans have recovered.
According to IDPH the additional 4 deaths were reported in the following counties.

- Linn County, 1 elderly adult (81+)
- Polk County, 1 older adult (61-80 years), 2 elderly adults (81+)

157 of today’s 482 new positive cases are part of surveillance testing for meat processing facilities. Of those new positives: 100 were Tyson employees and 57 were National Beef employees.

The state of Iowa has released an dashboard on coronavirus.iowa.gov that will be updated daily to include comprehensive tracking of COVID-19 in Iowa. The dashboard includes cases, deaths, and tests conducted in each county. The state is now providing demographic information that was not previously provided as well as Iowa’s epidemiological curve.

Map Data
COVID-19 can affect people of any age, but studies in Iowa have shown that COVID-19 is much more likely to cause severe illness in adults 60 and older, and more severe illness in older adults than children. Children may still have and spread COVID-19, but be so sick that they go to the doctor and get tested. Further testing remains limited, and it can take time to identify people with mild disease, so they may be less likely to be reported as having COVID-19. Adults 60 and older were more frequent than younger adults and children.

COVID-19 in Iowa
Confirmed Cases by Demographic
Data as of 4/20/2020 10:00 AM

This chart shows the progression of the COVID-19 outbreak in terms of cases and deaths over time, also known as an epidemic curve. Confirmed cases are people who tested positive. This is the curve that people are referring to when they say we want to “flatten the curve.” Public health advisors advise people to stay at home as much as possible in order to spread out the onset of disease over time, so that our healthcare system can continue to provide care to those who need it. While it’s likely there are more people in Iowa who have gotten sick with COVID-19 and not had a test, IDPH believes the shape of the curve is still informative, the number of people in our state who have had COVID-19 has been increasing throughout the time period. Because of the incubation period and how long someone is infectious, it will take time to see the impact of mitigation strategies. It should be noted that many illnesses may not have been diagnosed or reported yet and data is updated as new information is received.
Regional Medical Coordination Centers (RMCC) Hospital Data Summary

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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.

https://www.testiowa.com/
Test Iowa is an initiative to expand testing capacity to limit the spread of COVID-19 in Iowa. - NEW

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:

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

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

Iowa Department of Corrections
The Iowa Department of Corrections has established a public hotline available Monday through Friday during normal business hours at 515-373-5457. Information related to the Iowa Department of Corrections response to COVID-19 can be found at: https://doc.iowa.gov/COVID19

Iowa Department of Human Rights
The Iowa Department of Human Rights provides COVID-19 information in multiple languages at the following website: https://humanrights.iowa.gov/node/1868/

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.
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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.

Emergency Interpretation Hotline
The Iowa International Center offers a free phone interpretation hotline for emergency situations. These services are offered for emergency personnel (police, fire, paramedic, ER, domestic violence shelters) when they determine that language is a barrier to providing appropriate services at: https://iowainternationalcenter.org/local-resources/emergency-interpretation/

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 4/21/2020, 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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HSEMD
JIC staff continues to post on social media.
Facebook: @IowaHSEMD
Twitter: @IowaHSEMD
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BEWARE OF PHONE & PHISHING SCAM
with communication appearing to be from the CDC
COVID-19 in IOWA

Get Iowa back on track with statewide COVID-19 testing.

Join the #TestIowaChallenge