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JIC Update

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 COVID19

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.

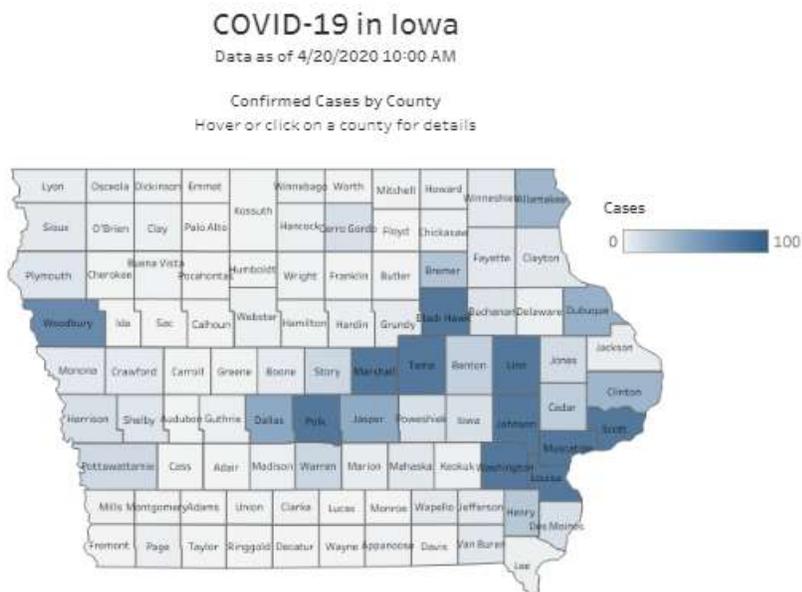
- Linn County, 1 elderly adult (81+)
- Polk County, 1 older adult (61-80 years), 2 elderly adults (81+)

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

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



Total Confirmed Cases

3,641

Total Deaths

83

Total People Tested

27,615

Total Confirmed Cases Recovered

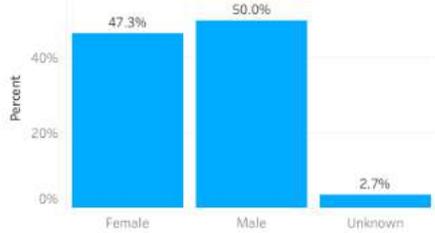
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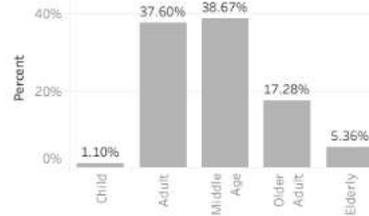
COVID-19 can affect people of any age, but adults in Iowa have been diagnosed with COVID-19 much more frequently than children. Children may still have (and spread) COVID-19, but not be so sick that they go to the doctor and get tested. Further, testing remains limited and physicians may not test children with mild disease, so they may be less likely to be reported as having COVID-19. Adults 60 and older have died more frequently than younger adults and children.

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

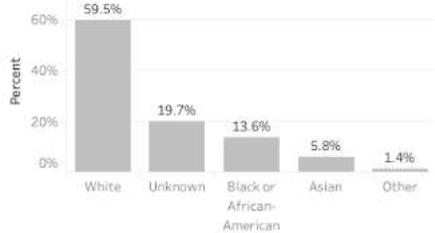
Confirmed cases by sex:



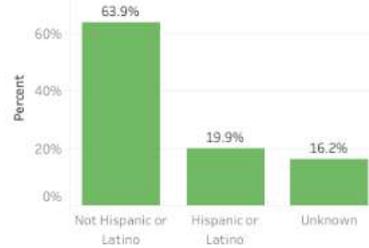
Confirmed cases by age group:



Confirmed cases by race:

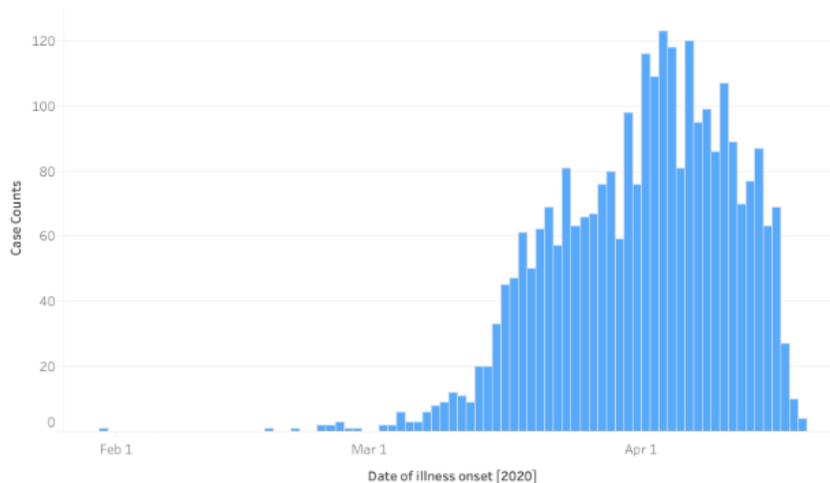


Confirmed cases by ethnicity:



This chart shows the progression of the COVID-19 outbreak in cases and deaths over time, also known as an epidemiologic 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 advises Iowans to stay 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 that 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 through this time period. Because of the incubation period and how long a person is infectious, it will take some time to observe the impact of mitigation strategies. It should be noted that recent illnesses may not have been diagnosed or reported yet and data is updated as new information is received.

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Confirmed Cases
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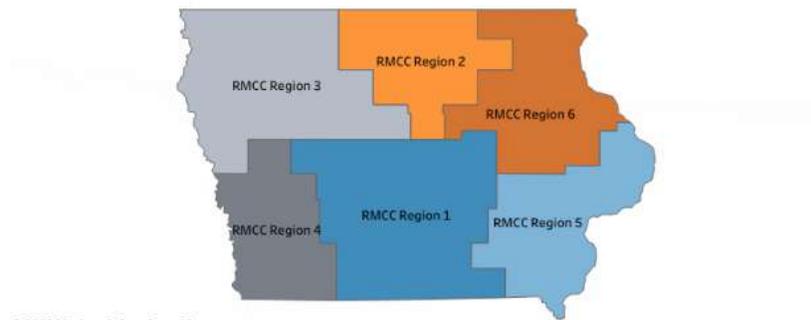


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Regional Medical Coordination Centers (RMCC) Hospital Data Summary

Data as of: 4/20/2020 10:00 AM



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Hospitalized COVID-19 Patients	Inpatient Beds Available
214	4,200
COVID-19 Patient Admitted in last 24 hours	ICU Beds available
23	553
COVID-19 Patients in ICU	Available Ventilators
89	696
Patients on Ventilators	
60	

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

<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

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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/>

[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/>

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>

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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.

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 the remainder of school year	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 the remainder of school year	Closed until further notice	None
Missouri	COVID-19 Emergency Declaration	Major Disaster Declaration Approved 3/26/2020	Entire state of Missouri until 05/03/20	Closed the remainder of school year	Closed until 05/03/2020	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 05/26/2020	Closed the remainder of school year	Closed until further notice	None
Minnesota	COVID-19 Emergency Declaration Signed	Major Disaster Declaration Approved 04/07/2020	Entire State of Minnesota until 5/04/2020	Closed until further notice	Closed until further notice	None

HSEMD

JIC staff continues to post on social media.

Facebook: @IowaHSEMD

Twitter: @IowaHSEMD

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CDC
CENTERS FOR DISEASE
CONTROL AND PREVENTION

**BEWARE OF
PHONE &
PHISHING
SCAM**
with communication
appearing to be from the
CDC

COVID-19 in IOWA

The poster features a photograph of an elderly man with white hair, wearing a striped shirt, looking down at a smartphone while holding a black mobile phone to his ear. The background is a light blue and white gradient.



 testiowa.com

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

Join the
#TestIowaChallenge

The poster has a blue background with a silhouette of the Iowa state capitol building and other buildings. At the bottom, there is a green and yellow grass-like graphic.