COVID-19 JIC UPDATE 4/23/2020

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 Release

Additional COVID-19 cases in Iowa, additional deaths confirmed

DES MOINES - Today, the Iowa Department of Public Health (IDPH) has been notified of 176 additional positive cases for a total of 3,924 positive cases. There have been an additional 842 negative tests for a total of 25,338 negative tests to date, which includes testing reported by the State Hygienic Lab and other labs.

According to IDPH, an additional 6 deaths were also reported, 282 are currently hospitalized, and 1,492 Iowans have recovered.

According to IDPH the additional 6 deaths were reported in the following counties:

- Bremer County, 1 elderly adult (81+)
- Muscatine County, 1 elderly adult (81+)
- Polk County, 1 middle-age adult (41-60 years), 3 elderly adults (81+)

The state of Iowa has released a 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 in Iowa
Data as of 4/22/2020 10:00 AM

Confirmed Cases by Demographic

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.
The chart shows the progression of the COVID-19 outbreak in cases and deaths over time, also known as an epidemiological curve. Confirmed cases are people who tested positive. This is the curve that healthcare providers are referring to when they say we want to “flatten the curve.” Public health advises people 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 is likely that there are more people in Iowa who have gotten COVID-19 than the current data indicates, the number of people in our state who have tested positive is 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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Regional Medical Coordination Centers (RMCC) Hospital Data Summary
Select a Region on the map to show the numbers for that Region.
Data as of 4/22/2020 10:00 AM

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<th>Hospitalized COVID-19 Patients</th>
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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.

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

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.  

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

Public Information in other Languages

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/

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/

Refugee Alliance of Central Iowa
The Refugee Alliance of Central Iowa is offering an Iowa COVID-19 ELL Help Line that connect callers with information, healthcare providers and resources in different languages. The help line is available Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at 1-877-558-2609. Additional information can be found at https://www.refugeeallianceofcentraliowa.org/covid19-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/


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/

Comparison of Surrounding States to Iowa
As of 4/23/2020, 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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<th>GOVERNORS SHELTER IN PLACE ORDER</th>
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HSEMD
JIC staff continues to post on social media.
Facebook: @IowaHSEMD
Twitter: @IowaHSEMD