COVID-19 JIC UPDATE 4/27/2020

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

Governor’s Press Conference
The Governor held a press conference at 11:30 a.m. today.

Governor’s Press Releases

Gov. Reynolds signs new proclamation continuing the State Public Health Emergency Declaration

DES MOINES - Today, Gov. Reynolds signed a new proclamation continuing the State Public Health Emergency Declaration until May 27, 2020. The proclamation loosens social distancing measures in 77 Iowa counties effective Friday, May 1 and continues other restrictions until 11:59 p.m. on Friday, May 15, 2020.

In the 77 counties, the proclamation permits restaurants, fitness centers, malls, libraries, race tracks, and certain other retail establishments to reopen in a limited fashion with public health measures in place. In addition, the proclamation lifts the restriction on religious and spiritual gatherings so long as churches and other gathering hosts implement reasonable public health measures. All other regulatory relief previously provided to affected Iowans is also extended until Wednesday, May 27, 2020. The full proclamation is online in its entirety: Part 1, Part 2, and Part 3.

Additional COVID-19 cases in Iowa, additional deaths confirmed

DES MOINES - Today, the Iowa Department of Public Health (IDPH) has been notified of 349 additional positive cases for a total of 5,868 positive cases. There have been an additional 1,668 negative tests for a total of 32,282 negative tests to date, which includes testing reported by the State Hygienic Lab and other labs. The number of positive cases will continue to grow as Test Iowa sites open and additional surveillance testing of large businesses and nursing home staff continues.

According to IDPH, an additional 9 deaths were also reported, 300 are currently hospitalized, and 2,021 Iowans have recovered. At this time, 1 in 82 Iowans have already been tested

According to IDPH the additional 9 deaths were reported in the following counties:

- Black Hawk County, 2 older adults (61-80 years)
- Bremer County, 1 elderly adult (81+)
- Dubuque County, 1 older adult (61-80 years)
- Polk County, 3 elderly adults (81+)
- Poweshiek County, 1 elderly adult (81+)
- Washington County, 1 elderly adult (81+)

NOTE: Yesterday’s new case numbers reported a small number of serology test results along with diagnostic test results. The positive serology test results have been removed and today’s new case numbers are updated to reflect this change.
The state of Iowa has released a dashboard on [coronavirus.iowa.gov](https://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 Map](image)
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 4/27/2020 10:00 AM

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 advisors urge us to stay home as much as possible in order to slow 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.

**COVID-19 in Iowa**

Confirmed Cases

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Regional Medical Coordination Centers (RMCC) Hospital Data Summary

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COVID-19 Patients Admitted in last 24 hours

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COVID-19 Patients in ICU

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<th>Patients on Ventilators</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:
https://idph.iowa.gov/Emerging-Health-Issues/Novel-
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

Public Information in other Languages
The COVID-19 website how offers a link to other languages thru Google Translator. https://coronavirus.iowa.gov/ -

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/


Comparison of Surrounding States to Iowa
As of 4/27/2020, the following is an overview of actions taken by Iowa and surrounding states concerning disaster declarations, shelter in place orders, school closures, and business closures.

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<th>STATE</th>
<th>GOVERNORS DISASTER PROCLAMATION</th>
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<td>Closed the remainder of school year</td>
<td>Closed until 05/15/2020 for 22 Iowa counties. Some open with restrictions for 77 Iowa counties beginning on May 1, 2020</td>
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HSEMD
JIC staff continues to post on social media.
Facebook: @IowaHSEMD
Twitter: @IowaHSEMD
April 27, 2020

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NOT TODAY #COVID19

COVID-19 in IOWA

rest

sanitize

wash

elbow sneeze

distance

Guidance for Iowa Farmers' Markets During COVID-19

No food samples

Clean vendor surfaces frequently

Easy access hand sanitizing stations

Wear gloves when handling money