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JIC Update

## COVID-19 JIC UPDATE 5/4/2020

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 534 additional positive cases for a total of 9,703 positive cases. There have been an additional 3,441 negative tests for a total of 47,458 negative tests to date, which includes testing reported by the State Hygienic Lab and other labs. 85 percent of new positive cases today are in the 22 counties where restrictions remain in place.

According to IDPH, an additional 4 deaths were also reported, 389 are currently hospitalized, and 3,486 Iowans have recovered. At this time, 1 in 55 Iowans have already been tested.

According to IDPH the additional 4 deaths were reported in the following counties:

- Appanoose County, 1 older adult (61-80 years)
- Jasper County, 1 older adult (61-80 years)
- Poweshiek County, 1 elderly adult (81+)
- Wapello County, 1 older adult (61-80 years)

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.

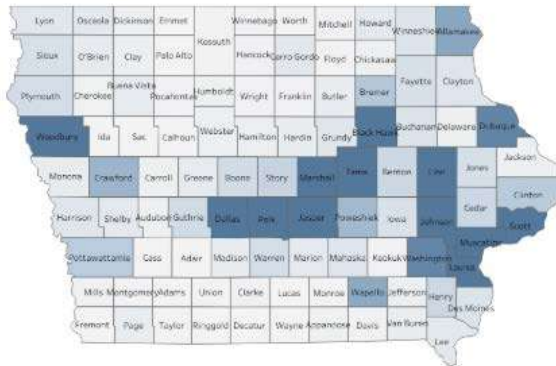
### Map Data

[https://idph.iowa.gov/Emerging-Health-Issues/Novel-Coronavirus?utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=govdelivery](https://idph.iowa.gov/Emerging-Health-Issues/Novel-Coronavirus?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery)

### COVID-19 in Iowa

Data as of 5/3/2020 10:00 AM

Confirmed Cases by County  
Click on a county for details



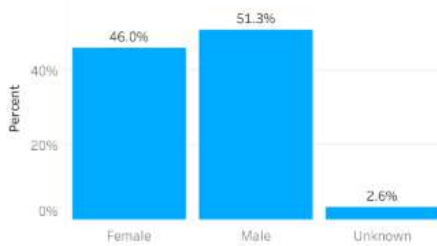
Total Confirmed Cases	Total Deaths
<b>9,703</b>	<b>188</b>
Total People Tested	Total Confirmed Cases Recovered
<b>57,161</b>	<b>3,486</b>

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.

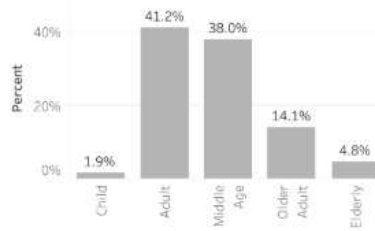
### COVID-19 in Iowa Confirmed Cases by Demographic

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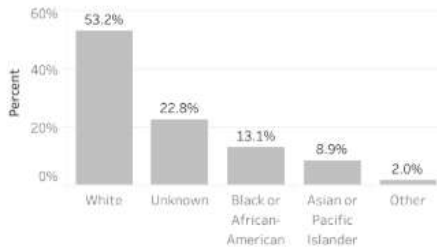
Confirmed cases by sex:



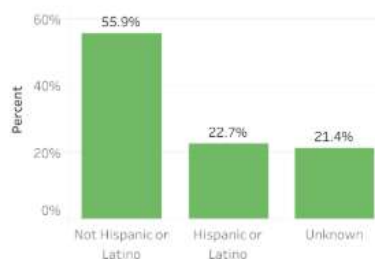
Confirmed cases by age group



Confirmed cases by race



Confirmed cases by ethnicity

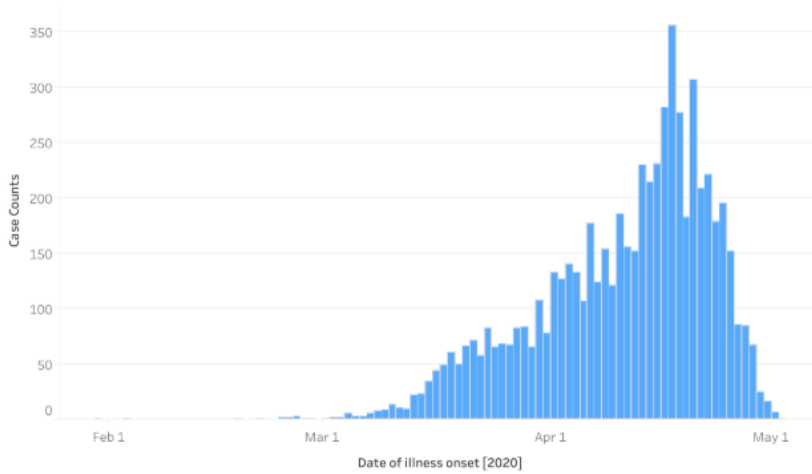


This chart shows the progression of the COVID-19 outbreak in cases and deaths over time, also known as an epidemiologic curve. Confirmed cases are people who tested positive. This is the curve that people are referring to when they say we want to "flatten the curve." Public health advises Iowans to stay 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

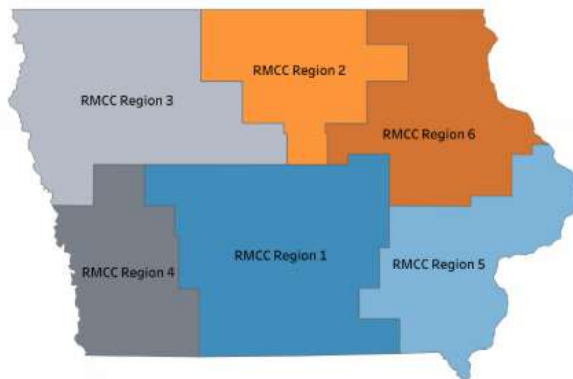
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### Regional Medical Coordination Centers (RMCC) Hospital Data Summary

Select a Region on the map to show the numbers for that Region.

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Hospitalized COVID-19 Patients	Inpatient Beds Available
<b>389</b>	<b>4,179</b>
COVID-19 Patient Admitted in last 24 hours	ICU Beds available
<b>37</b>	<b>552</b>
COVID-19 Patients in ICU	Available Ventilators
<b>143</b>	<b>666</b>
Patients on Ventilators	
<b>93</b>	

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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. Guidance has been added for Iowa Farmers Markets, Spiritual and Religious Gatherings, and Iowa Restaurant Reopening Criteria/Operation Restrictions during COVID-19. Frequently Asked Questions for the May 1, 2020, Restaurant Opening, and current hospitalizations by county has been added to the website.

<https://www.testiowa.com/>

Test Iowa is an initiative to expand testing capacity to limit the spread of COVID-19 in Iowa. Test Iowa Sites are located in the following counties: - **NEW**

Polk

Black Hawk

Woodbury

### 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](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

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

[https://idph.iowa.gov/Emerging-Health-Issues/Novel-Coronavirus?utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=govdelivery](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/>

An FAQ for COVID-19 and Unemployment Insurance Benefits for Employers and Workers related to return to work concerns can be found at: <https://www.iowaworkforcedevelopment.gov/> - **NEW**

### 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>

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#### [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](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.

#### [Pass the Pork](#)

Through "Pass the Pork," Iowa pig farmers are donating pigs to Iowa food bank feeding programs. More information can be found at: [https://donorbox.org/passthepork?fbclid=IwAR1LZY-Cew3BxMYiy\\_8W0p2nraJEtAQTPjh3biB\\_gniNSqNtwrE-1jy2VFY](https://donorbox.org/passthepork?fbclid=IwAR1LZY-Cew3BxMYiy_8W0p2nraJEtAQTPjh3biB_gniNSqNtwrE-1jy2VFY)

#### [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](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 now 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/>

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### 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](mailto:disastercustomerservice@sba.gov).

Additional resources for businesses can be accessed at [www.safeguardiowa.org](http://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/>

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](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 has published a press release entitled, "[Court Orders Halt to Sale of Silver Product fraudulently Touted as COVID-19 Cure.](#)"

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 5/04/2020, 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.

STATE	GOVERNORS DISASTER PROCLAMATION	PRESIDENTIAL MAJOR DISASTER DECLARATION	GOVERNORS SHELTER IN PLACE ORDER	PUBLIC SCHOOLS	NON-ESSENTIAL BUSINESS CLOSURES
Iowa	COVID-19 Emergency Declaration	Major Disaster Declaration Approved 3/23/2020	None	Closed the remainder of school year	Closed until 05/15/2020 for 22 Iowa counties. Some open with restrictions for 77 Iowa counties beginning on May 1, 2020
Illinois	COVID-19 Emergency Declaration	Major Disaster Declaration Approved 3/26/2020	Entire State of Illinois until 05/30/2020	Closed the remainder of school year	Closed until 05/30/2020
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	Business open with restrictions beginning 5/04/2020
Nebraska	COVID-19 Emergency Declaration	Major Disaster Declaration Approved 04/04/2020	None	Closed until further notice	Partial opening of some business with restrictions beginning 05/04/2020
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 05/26/2020
Minnesota	COVID-19 Emergency Declaration Signed	Major Disaster Declaration Approved 04/07/2020	Entire State of Minnesota until 05/18/2020	Closed the remainder of school year	Closed until further notice

### HSEMD

JIC staff continues to post on social media.

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