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## COVID-19 JIC UPDATE 5/14/2020

Please note: Beginning May 18 the JIC update will be issued on an as-needed basis.

### Governor's Press Conference

The governor held a press conference at 11 a.m.

### Governor's Press Release

No press release was distributed.

### Map Data

Current map data is available at <https://coronavirus.iowa.gov/>.

## Additional Information and Resources

### State of Iowa

<https://coronavirus.iowa.gov/>

The State of Iowa COVID-19 page houses resources for residents from statistics, state agency resources, and health information. Reopening guidance is also available.

### Test Iowa

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:

Polk

Black Hawk

Woodbury

Linn

Crawford

Scott

Soft launch of Test Iowa site for Wapello County is scheduled for May 13-14.

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

### Iowa Department of Natural Resources

Currently Iowa state parks, forests and preserves are open. Information about visiting state parks at this time, and for any temporary seasonal or construction-related closures, can be found here:

<https://www.iowadnr.gov/Places-to-Go/State-Parks/Alerts-and-Closures>

### Iowa Department of Public Health

Guidance for making homemade masks 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

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IDPH continuously updates information on their COVID-19 page. Find 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/>

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>

Feeding Iowans Task Force

Information on the Feeding Iowans Task Force is now available at [www.coronavirus.iowa.gov](http://www.coronavirus.iowa.gov). Information on this page includes assistance resources and task force membership.

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.

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 Inspections and Appeals

The Iowa Department of Inspections of Appeals has information related to COVID-19 as it pertains to administrative hearings, health care facilities, restaurants, bars, and hotels, as well as social and charitable gambling license activities. More information at <https://dia.iowa.gov/about/novel-coronavirus-covid-19>

**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/>.

**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/>

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#### 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 connects 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>

#### Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

<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.

#### 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 at <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.](#)"

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Overall Website: <https://www.fda.gov/emergency-preparedness-and-response/mcm-issues/coronavirus-disease-2019-covid-19>

### Comparison of Surrounding States to Iowa

As of 5/14/2020, 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.

<b>STATE</b>	<b>GOVERNORS DISASTER PROCLAMATION</b>	<b>PRESIDENTIAL MAJOR DISASTER DECLARATION</b>	<b>GOVERNORS SHELTER IN PLACE ORDER</b>	<b>PUBLIC SCHOOLS</b>	<b>NON-ESSENTIAL BUSINESS CLOSURES</b>
Iowa	COVID-19 Emergency Declaration	Major Disaster Declaration Approved 3/23/2020	None	Closed the remainder of school year	Partial opening of limited businesses with restrictions beginning 05/15/2020
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	Partial opening of limited businesses with restrictions beginning 05/01/2020
Missouri	COVID-19 Emergency Declaration	Major Disaster Declaration Approved 3/26/2020	None	Closed the remainder of school year	Businesses 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	Statewide order overturned 5/13 by Wisconsin Supreme Court	Closed the remainder of school year	Partial opening of limited businesses with restrictions beginning 05/11/2020
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	Businesses open with restrictions beginning 5/04/2020

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## HSEMD Social Media

JIC staff continues to post on social media.

Facebook: @IowaHSEMD

Twitter: @IowaHSEMD

