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:

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://yourlifediowa.org/
• Call: 855.581.8111
• Text: 855.895.8398
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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 we 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. 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. 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/
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
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.

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 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/


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://shiip.iowa.gov/smp/

FDA has published a press release entitled, “Court Orders Halt to Sale of Silver Product fraudulently Touted as COVID-19 Cure.”
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.

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<td>COVID-19 Emergency Declaration</td>
<td>Major Disaster Declaration Approved 3/23/2020</td>
<td>None</td>
<td>Closed the remainder of school year</td>
<td>Partial opening of limited businesses with restrictions beginning 05/15/2020</td>
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<td>Entire State of Illinois until 05/30/2020</td>
<td>Closed the remainder of school year</td>
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<td>COVID-19 Emergency Declaration</td>
<td>Major Disaster Declaration Approved 04/04/2020</td>
<td>None</td>
<td>Closed until further notice</td>
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<td>Major Disaster Declaration Approved 04/04/2020</td>
<td>Statewide order overturned 5/13 by Wisconsin Supreme Court</td>
<td>Closed the remainder of school year</td>
<td>Partial opening of limited businesses with restrictions beginning 05/11/2020</td>
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<td>Entire State of Minnesota until 05/18/2020</td>
<td>Closed the remainder of school year</td>
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HSEMD Social Media

JIC staff continues to post on social media.
Facebook: @IowaHSEMD
Twitter: @IowaHSEMD