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Please note: The JIC update is issued on an as-needed basis.

**Governor’s Press Release**

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

DES MOINES - Today, Governor Reynolds signed a new proclamation continuing the Public Health Disaster Emergency. The proclamation permits summer school activities, including baseball and softball, to resume on June 1. And effective this Friday, May 22, Movie theaters, zoos, aquariums, museums, and wedding reception venues will be permitted to reopen with appropriate public health measures in place. Swimming pools will also be permitted to reopen for lap swimming and swimming lessons.

Governor Reynolds also announced that next Thursday, May 28, bars and other alcohol-related establishments that have been limited to carryout and delivery will be permitted to reopen for indoor or outdoor seating. These establishments will follow the same public health measures that restaurants have been implementing for the past several weeks.

The proclamation also provides additional regulatory relief to those affected by this disaster and continues to strongly encourages all vulnerable Iowans, including those with preexisting medical conditions and those older than 65, in all counties of the state to continue to limit their activities outside of their home, including their visits to businesses and other establishments and their participation in gatherings of any size and any purpose.

The full proclamation is available online.

**Map Data**

Current map data is available at [https://coronavirus.iowa.gov/](https://coronavirus.iowa.gov/).

**Additional Information and Resources**

**Virtual Memorial Day Service-NEW**

The Iowa Department of Veterans Affairs (IDVA) and Iowa Veterans Cemetery (IVC) will be broadcasting a virtual Memorial Day Service from IVC at 8 a.m. via the IDVA Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/IowaDepartmentofVeteransAffairs/](http://www.facebook.com/IowaDepartmentofVeteransAffairs/). The event will remain on the page after the live cast, and the public is encouraged to view the event in lieu of public gatherings. The cemetery will remain open in accordance with National Cemetery Administration guidance. Visitors are welcome on the grounds, but are asked NOT to gather in groups and to continue to adhere to current social distancing guidelines. The administration building, and facilities within it, will remain closed to the public until further notice.

**State of Iowa**

State COVID-19 Website
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https://coronavirus.iowa.gov/
The State of Iowa COVID-19 website contains 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
Wapello
Buena Vista

Iowa Department of Natural Resources
Currently Iowa state parks, forests, and preserves are open. Information about visiting state parks, reopening guidance, and 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
IDPH reopening guidance is available at https://idph.iowa.gov/Emerging-Health-Issues/Novel-Coronavirus/Guidance

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


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/

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, task force membership, and materials translated into additional languages.

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:
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](https://doc.iowa.gov/COVID19)

**Iowa Department of Inspections and Appeals**
The Iowa Department of Inspections and Appeals has information related to COVID-19 as it pertains to reopening guidance, 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](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/](https://www.iowalegalaid.org/)

**Public Information in Other Languages**
The COVID-19 website how offers a link to other languages thru Google Translator. [https://coronavirus.iowa.gov/](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/](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/](https://iowainternationalcenter.org/local-resources/emergency-interpretation/)

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](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
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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."


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