COVID-19 JIC UPDATE 5/26/2020

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 until June 25, 2020.

As previously announced, the proclamation permits bars, wineries, breweries, distilleries, and social and fraternal clubs may reopen on May 28 with the same public health measures as restaurants in place.

The proclamation also permits the reopening on June 1 of additional establishments, including outdoor performance venues, casinos, bowling alleys, amusement parks, skating rinks, skate parks, outdoor playgrounds.

The proclamation again permits social, community, recreational, leisure, and sporting gatherings and events of more than 10 people if public health measures are implemented, including limiting attendance to 50% of the venue capacity and maintaining six feet of distance between those attending. This also allows practices, games, and competitions for youth and adult baseball, softball, and individual sports such as running, biking, swimming, tennis, and golf to resume with appropriate public health measures in place.

And the proclamation extends regulatory relief to those affected by this public health emergency until June 25.

The full proclamation can be found here.

Map Data
Current map data is available at https://coronavirus.iowa.gov/.

Additional Information and Resources

State of Iowa
State COVID-19 Website
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 (closing 5-22)
- Linn
- Crawford
- Scott
- Wapello
- Buena Vista
- Sioux (beginning 5-27)
- Marshall (beginning 5-28)
- Pottawattamie (beginning 5-29)

Test Iowa Clinic
Burlington (5-26)

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](https://www.iowadnr.gov/Places-to-Go/State-Parks/Alerts-and-Closures)

Iowa Department of Public Health

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/](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/](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/](https://www.iowaworkforcedevelopment.gov/)

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, 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: 
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
reopening guidance, administrative hearings, heath care facilities, restaurants, bars, and hotels, as well as
social and charitable gambling license activities. More information at https://dia.iowa.gov/about/novel-

Iowa Attorney General—NEW
Some Iowans have recently received CARES Act money via a prepaid debit card. The Iowa Attorney General’s
Office advises Iowans to find out more at https://www.consumerfinance.gov/about-us/blog/economic-
impact-payment-prepaid-card/.

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/.

Virtual Family Assistance Center
A Virtual Family Assistance Center (American Red Cross) provides information and resources to help those
dealing with the loss of a loved one to the coronavirus. https://www.redcross.org/virtual-family-assistance-
center.html.

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 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.

Extension of Grace Period to Renew Flood Insurance Policies-NEW
FEMA and the National Flood Insurance Program are extending the grace period for flood insurance renewal due to the impact of the pandemic. Learn more at www.floodsmart.gov.

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.”

FDA overall Website: https://www.fda.gov/emergency-preparedness-and-response/mcm-
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JIC Update


HSEMD Social Media

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