

## 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

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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>

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

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/>

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.

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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 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>.

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 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 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.

#### 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](http://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](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.](#)"

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

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## HSEMD Social Media

JIC staff continues to post on social media.

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