Community Partner Update  
COVID-19  
Issued 5-08-2020

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<th>Current Linn County Status:</th>
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<td># of Cases: 811</td>
<td># of Cases: 11,457</td>
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<td># Recovered: 560</td>
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<td># of Deaths: 57</td>
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Past and future versions of this report can be found on the Linn County Public Health COVID-19 web page under Community Partner Update and will no longer be emailed each Friday.

The report format has been shorted to remove past resources as Community Partner Updates are archived for reference.

**National Provider Appreciation Day**
National Provider Appreciation Day, is annually celebrated on the Friday before Mother’s Day. This year it falls on May 8th. We appreciate the efforts of providers supporting other frontline workers. We are also mindful of providers who had to alter their business structures in COVID-19 response. We are grateful for all providers.

Message for Iowa Child Care Programs from the Department of Human Services

**National Nurses Week**
Linn County is celebrating May 6-12, 2020 as National Nurses Week. This week, celebrated annually, honors the contributions that nurses and the nursing profession make to the community and to our daily lives. In COVID-19 response nurses are playing a vital roles including but not limited to direct patient care, supporting family members, and contact tracing. The Linn County Board of Supervisors officially recognized the week with a proclamation.

**Updates**

**Governor Reynolds’ Office**
- 5.6.20 Proclamation continuing the State PH Emergency Declaration which affects Linn County. The changes announced are effective at 5 AM, Friday May 8, and include:
  - Dental services may resume if the dentist complies with prescribed requirements for use and conservation of personal protective equipment and transitions back to practice.
  - Statewide, including Linn County, certain businesses may reopen if in compliance with the measures outlined in the proclamation, including campgrounds, drive-in movie theatres, tanning facilities, and medical spas.
In Linn County:

- Fitness centers, health clubs, health spas, gyms, and aquatic centers are closed, but may open on an appointment basis.
- Enclosed malls may reopen with certain limitations, including limiting occupants and closing seating and play areas. Social distancing, hygiene, and public health measures shall be implemented to reduce the risk of transmission of COVID-19.
- Other retail establishments previously ordered to be closed may reopen with limitations, including allowing 50% of maximum legal occupancy, and implementing reasonable social distancing, hygiene, and public health measures to reduce the risk of transmission of COVID-19.

- TestIowa
  Linn County TestIowa site opened 5/7/20. All Linn County residents are encouraged to complete the assessment at TestIowa.com. Linn County Public Health (LCPH) will be doing all communicable disease follow-up for all COVID-19 positive individuals, including those tested as part of TestIowa. LCPH will be responsible for Linn County residents only. Anyone wishing to be tested as part of the TestIowa site must go to TestIowa.com to take the assessment to determine if you qualify for testing and to schedule an appointment. The governor’s office is handling the implementation of the program; therefore, if there are any additional questions, we ask that you contact the governor’s office at 515-281-5211.

Business
- New return to work guidance from the CDC
- New General Business FAQ from CDC
- COVID-19 Workplace Safety Resources in Spanish
- State Fire Marshal Guidance for Determining Occupant Capacity

Child Care
- Funding Opportunities Available to Childcare Programs Funding opportunities are being made available to childcare providers affected by the COVID-19 crisis

Communications
- LCPH hosts virtual town halls every Friday. A virtual town hall was held on May 8th regarding COVID-19 testing. Local healthcare, public health, and laboratory providers provided information for participants.
  - Previous Town Hall discussions may be viewed here.
- Videos and print Information on COVID-19 has been created in multiple languages, and shared with community partners through a multilingual toolkit.
- **IDPH ELL resources**
- Catherine McAuley Center’s (CMC) call line is running. CMC is working with EMBARC to provide guidance/support in a variety of languages. The call line number is 319-731-0445.

**Food Assistance**
- HACAP is hosting a second [Drive-Through Food Pantry on May 15th at 1 pm at Veteran’s Memorial Stadium](#).

**Funding**
- [United Way of East Central Iowa’s CARE Fund](#) application is available on the United Way website.
- [Aura Cacia COVID-19 Relief Fund](#) - The goal of the Aura Cacia COVID-19 Relief Fund is to support organizations providing human services across the U.S. as they work to meet an increased demand related to COVID-19. Additional weight will be given to non-profits focused on reaching vulnerable populations including children, seniors, and low-income and homeless populations.

**General Resource**
- [LAP AID Interactive Resource Sheet](#) – A single page action resource sheet was created. It is a quick reference and will be distributed through a variety of sources.
- Cedar Rapids Farmers Market will be drive-thru for June. Attendees must place orders online prior to event dates. [Read more here](#).

**Long-term Care**
IDPH Long Term Care resource page: [https://idph.iowa.gov/Emerging-Health-Issues/Novel-Coronavirus/Long-Term-Care](https://idph.iowa.gov/Emerging-Health-Issues/Novel-Coronavirus/Long-Term-Care)

**Transportation**
- [Iowa Department of Transportation](#) has COVID-19 response information on their website.
  - Select the “DOT Response to COVID-19” icon on the homepage
  - Use the “select a FAQ topic” dropdown to route to your topic of choice

**Volunteer Needs**
- Several groups/organizations are in need of volunteers. There are options that can be done remotely. [Click here](#) if you are able to volunteer.

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**Information Resources**

**Joint Information Center (JIC)**
A virtual Joint Information Center (JIC) staffed by Public Information Officers, or PIOs, from responding organizations was activated on March 16, 2020. The JIC has daily meetings to share and coordinate messages related to COVID-19, including press conference content, joint news releases, and messaging campaigns.

**Press Conferences**
- Linn County partner organizations hold press conferences on Mondays and Thursdays at 3:30 pm. Live feed of the press conference is posted on Linn County Public Health’s Facebook page and on Linn County’s YouTube Channel.
- Requests to speak at scheduled press conferences should be submitted to the Public Information Officer at Linn County Public Health, Kaitlin Emrich (Kaitlin.Emrich@linncounty.org).
- Recorded press conferences are posted on Linn County Public Health’s Facebook page, on the Linn County YouTube Channel, and on Linn County’s website.

**Press Releases**
- Linn County Public Health Press Releases
- Iowa Department of Public Health Press Releases

**Relevant Websites** (for targeted guidance, fact sheets, infographics, etc.)
- Linn County Public Health (LCPH)
- Iowa Department of Public Health (IDPH)
- State of Iowa
- Governor’s Disaster Proclamations
- Centers for Disease Control (CDC)
- World Health Organization (WHO)

**Telephone Contacts**
- General Public Information hotline: 2-1-1 Iowa
- LCPH 24/7 contact/Officer on call: 319-892-6050
- IDPH 24/7 contact/Officer on Call: 800-362-2736