Community Partner Update  
COVID-19  
Issued 5-15-2020

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<th>Current Linn County Status:</th>
<th>Current State of Iowa Status:</th>
<th>Current National Status:</th>
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<td># of Cases: 897</td>
<td># of Cases: 14,049</td>
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<td># Recovered: 675</td>
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<td># Recovered: 246,414</td>
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<td># of Deaths: 69</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.

Updates

Governor Reynolds’ Office

- [Click here](#) for 5/13/20 Proclamation

- TestIowa  
  Linn County TestIowa site opened 5/7/20. All Linn County residents are encouraged to complete the assessment at [TestIowa.com](#). 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

- Linn County Public Health [Phased Reopening Guidance](#) during Community Spread of COVID-19
  - City of Cedar Rapids [Reopening Your Business in the age of COVID-19 Toolkit](#)
  - Marion Economic Development Corporation [Control and Recovery Resources](#)
  - [State Fire Marshal Guidance for Determining Occupant Capacity](#)
  - Cedar Rapids Metro Economic Alliance [Reopening Your Business](#) resources
  - MercyCare [Strategies for a safe return to business after (during COVID-19)](#)
- Linn County Extends Closure of Most County Facilities Through June 15th [Click here](#) for additional information about exceptions to the extended closure.
• City of Cedar Rapids is extending building closures to the public through May 31, 2020. Click here for more information.
• Click here to see City of Marion COVID-19 resources, information and updates.
• The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) released a new web-based application allowing smart phone users and others to quickly identify disinfectant products that meet EPA's criteria for use against SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19. Click here for additional information on this update.

Food Assistance
• HACAP – Find a Food Pantry
• HACAP – Mobile Food Pantry Schedule
• Linn Area Partners Active in Disaster – Food Assistance Section

Mental Health
• The daily stress caused by COVID-19, social distancing and a deep financial crisis have had a big impact on our community. It is normal to experience feelings of isolation, anxiety and uncertainty in this abnormal situation. Prioritizing your mental health and staying connected is more important than ever. Linn County Mental Health partners created a Mental Health Toolkit

Transportation
• City of Cedar Rapids Transit service will resume beginning Monday, May 18, 2020. For additional information Click here

Volunteer Needs
• Volunteer Now Virtual and in-person volunteer options are available.

Long Term Care
IDPH Long Term Care Webinar on 5-18-20

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 are transitioning to hold press conferences on Wednesdays 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