Community Partner Update
COVID-19
Issued 5-22-2020

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<th>Current Linn County Status:</th>
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<td># of Cases: 930</td>
<td># of Cases: 16,408</td>
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<td># Recovered: 779</td>
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<td># of Deaths: 73</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 shortened to remove past resources as Community Partner Updates are archived for reference.

Updates

**Governor Reynolds’ Office**

- **Proclamation**
  On 5/20/2020 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. Effective 5/22/2020, 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. Effective 5/28/20 bars and other alcohol-related establishments that have been limited to carryout and delivery will be permitted to reopen indoor or outdoor seating. [Click here](#) for more information.

- **TestIowa**
  The Linn County TestIowa site opened 5/7/20 and has been extended to 5/29/20. On 5/21/2020 Governor Reynolds provided an update indicating anyone taking the TestIowa assessment can receive a COVID-19 test. Previously TestIowa was limited to individuals meeting a specific criteria. Anyone wishing to be tested through TestIowa must take the assessment and 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.
**IDPH**
- 5/15/20 Updated COVID-19 Testing Framework for Iowa
- 5/15/20 Mandatory Reporting of Multisystem Inflammatory Syndrome in Children
- 5/16/20 Novel Coronavirus Resources for Local Public Health Partners (updated)

**Linn County**
- Press Conferences will be held on an as needed basis.
- Virtual Town Hall's will be held on 1st and 3rd Friday of the month.

**Resources**

**Business**
- Governor’s Proclamation requirements and limitations for Cedar Rapids Businesses are at this link: Businesses allowed to reopen.
- Statewide PPE Supply Database is a list of non-vetted PPE suppliers.

**Childcare**
- Click here to access DHS Guidance for childcare providers. Documents dated 5/21 include:
  - Childcare Guidance: COVID-19
  - COVID-19 Childcare Summer Program Guidance
  - Tip Sheet for Families seeking Childcare or Summer Programs During COVID-19 Pandemic

**Food Assistance**
- Click here to find a food pantry.
  - Click a location marker on the map for location, hours and schedule.
- Click here for Mobile food pantry webpage.

**Housing**
- Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) Application Period Extended to June 30, 2020

**Long Term Care**
- 5/18/20 Nursing Home Reopening Recommendations for State and Local Officials by Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS).

**Mental Health**
- UnityPoint Health - Abbe Community Mental Health is offering a free online support group for individuals dealing with loss due to COVID-19. For more information Click Here

Updated 5/22/2020
Volunteer Needs
- Volunteer needs are changing quickly to be sure to check this link for updates.

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 an as needed basis. 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