Community Partner Update  
COVID-19  
Issued 5-29-2020

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<th>Current Linn County Status:</th>
<th>Current State of Iowa Status:</th>
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<td># of Cases: 958</td>
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<td># Recovered: 828</td>
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<td># of Deaths: 76</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 5/26/2020 Governor Reynolds signed a new proclamation continuing the Public Health Disaster Emergency.

- **TestIowa**
  The Linn County TestIowa site has been extended until 6/12/2020. 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. Call TestIowa with questions about testing: 515-575-2131 or 844-844-1561 (toll free). Phone lines are open 8am - 8pm, 7 days a week (except holidays).

**Iowa Department of Public Health**

- 2019 Novel Coronavirus Resources for Local Public Health Partners (updated 5/27)

**Linn County**
• LCPH developed Phased Reopening Guidance for specific business includes one regrading an overarching theme of Mass Gatherings.

**Resources**

**Business**

• **Iowa Economic Development COVID-19 Iowa Business Recovery Assistance:** Due to the economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Iowa Economic Development Authority (IEDA) is gathering resources and information that may be of use to partners across Iowa.

• **Impact of COVID-19 on Local Nonprofit Community:** If you have not done so already, please take 5 to 10 minutes to complete this short survey to help us understand the impacts of COVID-19 on our nonprofit community in East Central Iowa. Your feedback directly shapes how we support each other through shared resources and solution strategies. [Click here](https://bit.ly/crnonprofitassessment) to take or share link with others: [https://bit.ly/crnonprofitassessment](https://bit.ly/crnonprofitassessment). Please complete survey by end of day Monday, June 1st.

**Childcare**

- Please check regularly for the latest information at [Iowa Department of Human Services COVID-19 Resources](https://www.idph.gov/)

**Education**

- **Iowa Department of Education** COVID-19 webpage additions include: 5/28 [Summer Sports Transportation](https://www.education.iowa.gov/athletics/athletics programming/sports transportation) and 5/20 [Summer Sports Reopening](https://www.education.iowa.gov/athletics/athletics programming/summer sports reopening).

- **Iowa Girls High School Athletic Union** (IGHSAU) webpage additions include: 5/28 [Softball and Baseball signage](https://www.ighsauihsaa.org) and 5/26 [Softball Guidance & FAQs](https://www.ighsauihsaa.org).

- **Iowa High School Athletic Association** (IHSAA) webpage additions include: 5/28 [IGHSAU/IHSAA Summer Sports Webinar for Athletic Directors](https://www.ighsauihsaa.org), 5/28 [IGHSAU Softball and IHSAA Baseball signage](https://www.ighsauihsaa.org) and 5/26 [Summer Sports](https://www.ighsauihsaa.org).

**Food Assistance**

- [Feeding Iowa](https://feedingiowa.org/)

- [HACAP Food Reservoir Mobile Food Pantry Schedule](https://www.hacap.org/food-service)

**Funding/Grants**

- **The Greater Cedar Rapids Community Foundation**’s COVID-19 Disaster Response Fund has supported a variety of projects in our community.
  - [Click here](https://www.gcrcf.org/coronavirus) for a list of funded projects
  - [Click here](https://www.gcrcf.org/coronavirus) to learn more about the application
  - [Click here](https://www.gcrcf.org/coronavirus) for additional information about GCRCF

Updated 5/29/2020
**Housing**

- **State Moratorium on Evictions**
  - The current state moratorium on evictions ended May 27, 2020.
  - The current federal moratorium on evictions covered by the CARES Act ends on July 25, 2020.
  - The CARES Act covers landlords/owners that receive federal subsidies for tenants (both Section 8 and project based), FHA, VA, Fannie Mae, and Freddie Mac mortgages
  - The Iowa Supreme Court issued an updated order on the afternoon of May 22, 2020. This order included (but not limited to):
    - Non-emergency hearings will be held by either tele or video conference until July 13, 2020.
    - Requirement of this order calls for the landlord/owner to fill out an affidavit certifying if the CARES Act applies or does not apply to the case at the time of filing the eviction. It is a checklist that requires the landlord/owner to identify if the landlord receives a federal subsidy or if there is a federally protected mortgage on the property.
  - For additional information or related support, contact Iowa Legal Aid
- **City of Cedar Rapids Eviction Prevention Program**
- **COVID-19 Iowa Eviction and Foreclosure Prevention Program**

**Volunteer Needs**
- [Click here](#) for ways to help our community during the COVID-19 pandemic. United Way of East Central Iowa has organized a list of immediate volunteer needs for community organizations in Linn & surrounding counties.

**Other**
- **Garage Sales:** Linn County Public Health does not recommend holding or visiting garage sales at this time. Local epidemiological data on COVID-19 does not support mass gatherings of 10 or more people in our area, which would make conducting a garage sale difficult.
  - Please check with your local jurisdiction prior to holding a garage sale, as some cities within Linn County have prohibited them. If you choose to hold a garage sale, the following considerations should be applied:
  - Requirements from the Governor
    - Limit to no more than 10 people, this includes both customers and those working the event
    - Social distancing should be practiced by all people involved
  - Additional considerations
    - Wear and encourage the use of face coverings
    - Provide and encourage the use of hand sanitizer or handwashing
    - Develop a plan as to how many people will be allowed to enter the sale
Develop a plan as to how you will disinfect items touched between customers.

### 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 meets twice per week 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 have transitioned to hold press conferences as needed. When scheduled, live feed of press conference will be 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