Community Partner Update
COVID-19
Issued 6-05-2020

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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: 993</td>
<td># of Cases: 21,022</td>
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<td># Recovered: 862</td>
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<td># of Deaths: 79</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
- News Conferences
  Governor’s news conferences are now Tuesdays and Thursdays at 11am.
- Proclamations
- 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).

Linn County Public Health
- Linn County Public Health previously released phased COVID-19 Reopening Guidance with related metrics. The Reopening Phase Metrics page has been updated with progress visuals. We are currently in Phase 1 with 75.7% work toward Phase 2. For additional information on the metrics, click here.
Resources

Childcare
- Funding Opportunities Available to Child Care Programs through Department of Human Services.
- 5/28 updated COVID-19 Child Care Funding Opportunity FAQ

Communications
- The Office of Latino Affairs, EMBARC and The Iowa Spanish Helpline Task Force Announce the Launch of the Iowa Spanish Helpline (Línea de Ayuda en Iowa)
The Iowa Spanish HelpLine provides more than resources to the callers- it connects clients to virtual case management services throughout the COVID-19 pandemic response and recovery, such as:
  o Navigating the TestIowa website including completing assessments for testing eligibility
  o Filling out forms for unemployment, small business relief funds, and public benefits
  o Providing educational assistance for students and parents including filling out the FAFSA application, finding and applying for postsecondary education and helping to find scholarships
  o Facilitating advocacy in navigating the healthcare system and any other systems as necessary
  o Accessing local and state assistance and finding other sources for clients who cannot access local and state assistance
  o Finding employment and other financial resources
  o Reading important mail and forms in English that the client would not otherwise be able to access
  o Providing up-to-date information regarding questions and concerns related to COVID-19 in Iowa
  o Locating an appropriate provider in their area for clients who do not have a medical home or connecting with their current medical home regarding medical concerns or questions
  o Connecting with their local Latino-led organization for support, connection and advocacy
  o and more.

The line will be open Monday-Saturday from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm.
Food Assistance

- June 2020 Mobile Food Pantry Schedule
- Other Food Resources
- The Pantry Pick Up Project is no longer delivering food. Individuals needing food delivering who are unable to leave their home, do not have a vehicle, and are unable to pay for food have the following options:
  - Contact Meals on Wheels (if eligible) at 319-398-3574 for meal and emergency food box deliveries.
  - Contact LC LIFTS at 319-892-5170 to request a driver pick up a food box from the pantry and deliver to the home.
  - Use Cedar Rapids Public Transit to ride to the closest pantry during operating hours. Cedar Rapids Public Transit routes can be found here: http://ridecrt.com/. A map of pantry locations is available here: https://www.linndisasterinfo.com/meal-sites

Funding/Grants/Loans

- The Greater Cedar Rapids Foundation (GCRF) COVID-19 Disaster Response Fund is accepting applications 501(c)(3) nonprofit and governmental entities serving Linn County, Iowa.
- The United Way of East Central Iowa is accepting applications from local Nonprofit organizations for financial support through the COVID-19 CARE Fund.
- 6/3 updated USDA Implements Immediate Measures to Help Rural Residents, Businesses and Communities Affected by COVID-19 is a 9 page document with information about and links to COVID-19 Resources, Opportunities for Immediate Relief (Rural Housing Service, Rural Utilities Service and Rural Business-Cooperative Service), and New and Extended Application Deadlines (Rural Business-Cooperative Service and Rural Utilities Services).

Housing

- Governor Reynolds has allocated federal CARES Act funds to assist Iowans who have been economically impacted by COVID-19 and may be facing housing hardships. This program will provide short-term relief to income-eligible renters and homeowners who are at risk of eviction or foreclosure. COVID-19 Iowa Eviction and Foreclosure Prevention Program
- If you have been impacted by COVID-19 and are facing eviction or need assistance, please reach out Iowa Legal Aid through the COVID-19 Legal Advice Hotline at 1-800-332-0419 for advice and or referral. Additional Information:
  - Evictions
  - Nursing Home Evictions
Mental Health

- Foundation 2 Mobile Crisis Outreach has resumed face-to-face visits beginning June 2 for those in mental health crisis.
- The Warm Line has expanded the call line hours and is now available 24 hours a day/seven days a week.

Older Adults

- The Iowa Association of Area Agencies on Aging has published an article titled “Care Giving During COVID-19.”

Transportation

- NTS Free Rides for Seniors to Grocery Stores

Volunteer Needs

- United Way of East Central Iowa: Volunteer needs are changing quickly so be sure to check back often for updates.

Other

- CDC What’s New webpage includes new and updated information and resources like COVID-19 in Racial and Ethnic Minority Groups and 5/29 revisions to Contract Tracing.

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