Community Partner Update
COVID-19
Issued 6-12-2020

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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: 1,033</td>
<td># of Cases: 23,168</td>
<td># of Cases: 2,023,347</td>
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<td># Recovered: 917</td>
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<td># of Deaths: 80</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.

- **The Proclamation of Disaster Emergency signed 06/10/2020** lifted several capacity restrictions. Visit the COVID-19 Proclamations page for specific guidance.

- **TestIowa**  
  The Linn County TestIowa site has been extended in Linn County. Anyone wishing to be tested through TestIowa must take the assessment and schedule an appointment. The testing site has moved from Kirkwood Community College to Iowa DOT District 6 Office at 5455 Kirkwood Blvd in Cedar Rapids. 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**

- **Click here** for Reopening Guidance for Hotels & Lodging, Swimming Pools, Public Transport, Retail Establishments and Skate parks/rinks.

- 6/10 Linn County News updates  
  - Linn County Begins Phase Two of Reopening During Community Spread of COVID-19. The phased reopening metrics demonstrate all key disease and resource metrics for moving into Phase Two have been met.
Linn County Facilities to Reopen July 20 Linn County will begin a phased approach to reopening County facilities on July 20 with modifications in place to keep employees and customers safe. Modifications will include conducting business by appointment only at most County facilities.

**Resources**

**Childcare**
- DHS COVID-19 Resources
  - 6/8 update Child Care Guidance in Response to COVID-19 and COVID-19 Child Care Summer Program Guidance
  - DHS Childcare Availability map

**Communications**
- CDC created communication toolkit to help public health professionals, health departments, community organizations, and healthcare systems and providers reach populations who may need COVID-19 prevention messaging in their native languages.

**Contact Tracing**
- Identifying contacts and ensuring they do not interact with others is critical to protect communities from further spread. If communities are unable to effectively isolate patients and ensure contacts can separate themselves from others, rapid community spread of COVID-19 is likely to increase to the point that strict mitigation strategies will again be needed to contain the virus.
- Case investigators and contact tracers need to:
  - Immediately identify and interview people diagnosed with COVID-19 and identify potential contacts.
  - Support isolation of those who are infected
  - Notify contacts of their exposure, assess their symptoms and risk, and provide instructions for next steps
  - Link contacts to testing resources and care
- In routine operations, local health departments are responsible for case investigation and contact tracing of reportable diseases. In 2020 COVID-19 was added to the reportable disease list. This came with a requirement of case investigation and contact tracing. Due to the magnitude of positive COVID-19 cases in some counties, local health departments were given the option of having the state handle the case investigation and contact tracing. Linn County Public Health chose to manage COVID-19 follow-up locally. To support the surge in contact tracing additional trained staff was needed to support the response. Staffing surge included but not limed to:
Branches within LCPH assisted Clinical Services Staff
- School nurse volunteers
- College of Public Health students
- Public Health Interns

Food Assistance
- Mobile Food Pantry

Housing
- June 12th Virtual Town Hall at Noon! For more information Click here. If you miss it, Click here to watch or view slides. The Virtual Town Hall is hosted by Linn County Public Health and Cedar Rapids Civil Rights Commission. The focus is on general housing information, tenant rights, identifying housing discrimination, eviction prevention, and resources available due to the impact of COVID-19.

Long Term Care
- Iowa Department of Public Health Long Term Care Resources
  - 6/9 update Phased Easing of Restrictions for Long-Term Care Facilities and FAQ
  - 6/11 Iowa Guidance for Senior Centers and Adult Day Programs

Mental Health
- Follow https://www.facebook.com/LCPublicHealth for information on the upcoming Virtual Town Hall on June 19th. “It’s OK to not be OK”.

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

Other
- COVID Recovery Iowa offers free virtual counseling and assistance for all Iowans affected by COVID-19. The State of Iowa has received federal funding from FEMA to offer free virtual counseling and assistance to those affected, in any way, by COVID-19. COVID Recovery Iowa provides counseling, virtual activities, referrals and help finding resources to any Iowan. Support methods include:
  - Education
  - Assessment
  - Meetings
  - Counseling
- 6/12 update Medicaid for COVID-19 Testing.
- CDC Visiting Parks and Recreational Facilities
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 each Wednesday 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