Community Partner Update
COVID-19
Issued 7-2-2020

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<th>Current Linn County Status:</th>
<th>Current State of Iowa Status:</th>
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<td># of Cases: 1,241</td>
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<td># Recovered: 1,038</td>
<td># Recovered: 23,742</td>
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<td># of Deaths: 82</td>
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Case counts as of 7/2/2020 @ 7:25am

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

- **TestIowa**
  
The Linn County TestIowa site testing dates were extended. 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 site is open from 8am-6pm, (Mon-Fri). 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).

- **COVID-19 in Iowa Frequently Asked Questions(FAQ)**
  
  FAQs are organized in topic areas to include business, education, food security, health/healthcare, mental health, rumors/scams, TestIowa, unemployment, utilities/taxes/insurance, and volunteering.

Linn County

- **The Linn County Fillmore Center at 520 11th St NW in Cedar Rapids was serving as an Overflow Shelter for Willis-Dady Homeless Services, but those services ran out June 30th. Fillmore Center is now being considered for Cooling and Water Distribution.**
  
  Hours are 9-5pm 7 days a week. [KCRG article](https://www.kcrg.com/article/20200702/news/two-more-locations-open-for-cooling-and-water-distribution-in-linn-county)

- **Linn County Public Health**
  
  - 7/2 Press Release: [LCPH Recommends Community to Take Measures to Slow COVID-19](https://www.lcphe.org/coronavirus)
  
  - 7/1 COVID-19 Press Conference is archived on [youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com) and [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com)
  
  - **Disease investigation**
    
    - Increase in number of PCR positive COVID-19 cases over the past 2 weeks.
    
    - Increase in number of contacts for follow up. The majority of cases are under the age of 45. This cohort is very social and has led to a dramatic increase in the number of contacts that require follow-up.
    
    - Many phone calls from Athletic Directors and coaches related to COVID guidance within teams (eg baseball and softball). Additionally, we have spoken with several employers with the increasing number of cases being of working age.
    
    - Recovery (daily call) follow-up has increased related to increase in case numbers.
    
    - CDC Foundation workers started on June 22nd and will be helping with our COVID-19 response for the next 6 months.
Resources

Child Care
• Updated 6/29 Child Care Guidance: COVID-19 (IDHS)

Education
• Updated 6/30 Interim Considerations for k-12 School Administrators for SARS-CoV-2 Testing
• 7/1 COVID-19 Guidance and Information (Iowa Department of Education)
  o The Iowa Department of Education is looking to connect individuals and businesses to schools that need technology, materials and supplies in light of COVID-19’s impact on education delivery. Make a donation to schools.
  o The Iowa Department of Education is providing guidance and information for Iowa school districts, area education agencies (AEAs), community colleges and other stakeholders in response to an expanding global outbreak of the novel (new) coronavirus, also known as COVID-19. Guidance and information will be updated as additional information becomes available.
  o In addition to the resources below, the Department hosts weekly webinars for school administrators in Iowa. Webinar recordings and PowerPoint slides (as applicable) are provided on the COVID-19 Webinar Recordings for PK-12 School Administrators in Iowa webpage.
  o IDE Resources
    o Resources for Families and Educators
    o School Meal Services
    o Community College
    o PK-12
    o Translated COVID-19 Guidance and Information Documents
    o Guidance from Other State Agencies on Education-Related Topics

Food
• 6/26 City of CR Public-Private Partnership Supports Local Restaurants, Families
The City of Cedar Rapids, in partnership with the Cedar Rapids Community School District, is increasing food distribution to families in need while at the same time supporting local restaurants. This July, restaurants will have the opportunity to provide meals to qualified families enrolled in the Kids on Course University and Take 5! Reading programs sponsored by the Cedar Rapids Community School District and Zach Johnson Foundation.
The program accepts “take and bake” packaged meals for distribution to local families. The Cedar Rapids Community School District will oversee the distribution of food. The program will run July 14 – 22, 2020.

All locally owned restaurants are welcome to participate, with priority given to restaurants enrolled in the Payroll Protection Program (PPP). By assisting with meal preparation and distribution, restaurants benefit by having additional work for their employees, while also supporting local families in need. As part of Community Development Block Grant funding, restaurants will be reimbursed $5 for every meal prepared. Restaurants who are interested in getting involved can sign up no later than Monday, July 6, 2020. Additional details and a sign-up form are available on the City’s economic development website.

Questions? Please contact City of Cedar Rapids Community Service Coordinator Stephanie Schrader at sschrader@cedar-rapids.org.

- Click here for Mobile Food Pantry Schedule for July
- Click here to locate a local food pantry

**Long term Care and Home Health**

- [Iowa Guidance on Phased Easing of Restriction for Long Term Care Facilities](#) Updated 6/30/2020
- [IDPH Long Term Care Webinars and CDC Webinar Series for Long Term Care](#) archived on YouTube
- [Interim Guidance for Implementing Home Care of People Not Requiring Hospitalization for Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)](#) Updated 7/1/2020

**Recreation**

- 6/30 [Fire Department to Turn on Fire Hydrants for Water Play](#) (City of CR)

The Cedar Rapids Fire Department will turn on fire hydrants for water play at Rollin’ Recmobile stops at Cherry Hill, Delaney and Bever Parks. The Fire Department will turn the water on for a period of one to two hours at each stop when the temperature is 80 degrees Fahrenheit or higher and there is no severe weather in the area. Parks and Recreation Department staff will ensure that social distancing guidelines are followed. These parks were selected because they do not have splash pads. The schedule is as follows:

- Cherry Hill Park - west side of the swimming pool on Tuesdays
- Delaney Park - near the water tower on Wednesdays
- Bever Park – at the pool drive on Fridays
Sign up to receive weather related event updates and Rollin’ Rec program changes at

**Volunteer Needs**

- Marion’s Community Recovery Task Force has identified community needs and volunteer opportunities related to the COVID-19 outbreak. If your summer schedule allows, consider making a difference locally by exploring the following volunteer opportunities. [Click here](http://www.cedar-rapids.org/discover_cedar_rapids/connect/cr_news_now/index.php) for more information.

- **United Way of East Central Iowa**: COVID-19 related volunteer opportunities are posted on the United Way of East Central Iowa website. Volunteer information is also linked to the [Volunteer Iowa site](http://www.cedar-rapids.org/discover_cedar_rapids/connect/cr_news_now/index.php). Volunteer needs are changing quickly so be sure to check back often for updates.

**Other**

- **What’s New from CDC**. You can also keep up with CDC updates on Coronavirus Disease 2019 by [signing up for email updates](http://www.cedar-rapids.org/discover_cedar_rapids/connect/cr_news_now/index.php), [syndicating available content](http://www.cedar-rapids.org/discover_cedar_rapids/connect/cr_news_now/index.php), and subscribing to [Coronavirus Disease 2019 RSS Feed](http://www.cedar-rapids.org/discover_cedar_rapids/connect/cr_news_now/index.php).
  - Updated 7/1 [Developing Guidance to Protect the Public’s Health](http://www.cedar-rapids.org/discover_cedar_rapids/connect/cr_news_now/index.php)
  - Updated 6/30 [Stop the Spread of Rumors](http://www.cedar-rapids.org/discover_cedar_rapids/connect/cr_news_now/index.php)

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**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 previously had a regular cadence of meeting times. On June 17, 2020, it was determined weekly meetings were no longer needed. The JIC will convene if the need arises.

**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](http://www.cedar-rapids.org/discover_cedar_rapids/connect/cr_news_now/index.php) page and on [Linn County’s YouTube Channel](http://www.cedar-rapids.org/discover_cedar_rapids/connect/cr_news_now/index.php).

- Recorded press conferences are posted on [Linn County Public Health’s Facebook page](http://www.cedar-rapids.org/discover_cedar_rapids/connect/cr_news_now/index.php), on the [Linn County YouTube Channel](http://www.cedar-rapids.org/discover_cedar_rapids/connect/cr_news_now/index.php), and on [Linn County’s website](http://www.cedar-rapids.org/discover_cedar_rapids/connect/cr_news_now/index.php).
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)
- 2-1-1 The website has options to search resources.
- 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
  - Toll Free: 2-1-1; or 800-244-7431
  - Call Hours: Monday – Sunday 24/7
  - Text: Text your zip code to 898211 or
    - Chat: Chat Page
    - Text & Chat Hours: Mon – Fri, 8am – 4pm
- LCPH 24/7 contact/Officer on call: 319-892-6050
- IDPH 24/7 contact/Officer on Call: 800-362-2736