Community Partner Update  
COVID-19  
Issued 7-9-2020

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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: 1,353</td>
<td># of Cases: 32,886</td>
<td># of Cases: 3,055,144</td>
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<td># Recovered: 1,146</td>
<td># Recovered: 26,217</td>
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<td># of Deaths: 82</td>
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Case counts as of 7/9/2020 @ 8:40am

Community Partner Update will stop until an abundance of NEW information becomes available to share. Past and future versions of this report can be found on the Linn County Public Health COVID-19 web page under Community Partner Update.

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 is located at Iowa DOT District 6 Office, 5455 Kirkwood Blvd in Cedar Rapids. The site is open from 8am-6pm, (Mon-Fri). Anyone wishing to be tested for COVID-19 through TestIowa must take the assessment and schedule an appointment. The assessment and test scheduling is completed via the [TestIowa website](#). 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

- Linn County COVID-19 Data
  - [Linn County Case Counts](#) present the data in several formats to include but not limited to total COVID-19 reported total recovered, hospitalized, cases by zip code, cases recovered/reported by date, reported/recovered/deceased by week, demographic information, and COVID-19 tests performed.

Resources

Businesses

- The current [Governor’s Proclamation of Disaster Emergency](#) is still active and provides specific reopening of businesses and establishments information. A portion of the proclamation is below.
  Pursuant to Iowa Code§ 135.144 (3), and in conjunction with the Iowa Department of Public Health, unless otherwise modified by subsequent proclamation or order of the Iowa Department of Public Health, I hereby order that effective at 12:01 a.m. on June 26, 2020 and until 11:59 p.m. on July 25, 2020:
  Restaurants and bars: A restaurant or bar, including a wedding reception venue, winery, brewery, distillery, country club, or other social or fraternal club, may reopen or remain open to serve food and beverages on its premises, but only to the extent that it complies with the following requirements:
o Social distancing: The establishment must ensure at least six feet of physical distance between each group or individual dining or drinking alone. Seating at booths closer than six feet may satisfy this requirement if the booths are separated by a barrier of a sufficient height to fully separate seated customers. All patrons must have a seat at a table or bar, and an establishment must limit patrons from congregating together closer than six feet.

o The restaurant shall also implement reasonable measures under the circumstances of each restaurant to ensure social distancing of employees and customers, increased hygiene practices, and other public health measures to reduce the risk of transmission of COVID-19 consistent with guidance issued by the Iowa Department of Inspections and Appeals and the Iowa Department of Public Health.

- Iowa Department of Inspections and Appeals COVID-19 Frequently-Asked Question for Food Businesses

Education

- Iowa Department of Education Resources for PK-12 include
  o (7-1-20) Open Enrollment Guidance for Senate File 2310 - Provides guidance on open enrollment in accordance to Senate File 2310. This law extends the open enrollment deadline for the 2020-21 school year to July 15 for parents, guardians and caregivers to apply using the application form to open enroll a student at an approved online public school in certain circumstances where the student, or a person who resides with the student, has a significant health condition that may increase the risk of COVID-19. This guidance and form are only for use during the 2020-21 school year.

  o (6-30-20) Reopening Guidance for Schools: Frequently Asked Questions - Provides further clarification on the Reopening Guidance for Schools that was written in collaboration with the Iowa Department of Public Health (IDPH) and released last Thursday. The FAQ includes explanations and examples regarding support documents and resources for schools, considerations and potential implications regarding the use of face coverings, the ability to maintain social distancing, temperature screenings and what to do if an outbreak occurs in a school, among others.

Food

- Pandemic Electronic Benefit Transfer (P-EBT) Program
  The Families First Coronavirus Response Act allows states to issue Food Assistance benefits to households with children in Pre K-12th grade who have temporarily lost access to free or reduced-price school meals due to pandemic-related school closures. For additional information Click here

  - Click here for Mobile Food Pantry Schedule for July
  - Click here to locate a local food pantry
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 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. Volunteer needs are changing quickly so be sure to check back often for updates.

Other

- Fearless Heroes Campaign
  Amperage Marketing and Fundraising has partnered with the United Way of East Central Iowa to make “Fearless Heroes” t-shirts available to the public for purchase. They expanded nurses to “heroes” and other categories of essential workers are included as well. This campaign was launched to honor Eastern Iowa’s frontline workers, and all proceeds from t-shirt orders will go to United Way of East Central Iowa COVID-19 CARE Fund and pandemic relief efforts. Sales close on July 22. Visit https://bit.ly/2BiQnJm for more information and to order.

- What’s New from CDC. You can also keep up with CDC updates on Coronavirus Disease 2019 by signing up for email updates, syndicating available content, and subscribing to Coronavirus Disease 2019 RSS Feed.

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 page and on Linn County’s YouTube Channel.
- 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)
- 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