

April 27, 2020

JIC Update

COVID-19 JIC UPDATE 4/27/2020

Please note: The JIC update will be issued Monday through Friday.

Governor's Press Conference

The Governor held a press conference at 11:30 a.m. today.

Governor's Press Releases

Gov. Reynolds signs new proclamation continuing the State Public Health Emergency Declaration

DES MOINES - Today, Gov. Reynolds signed a new proclamation continuing the State Public Health Emergency Declaration until May 27, 2020. The proclamation loosens social distancing measures in 77 Iowa counties effective Friday, May 1 and continues other restrictions until 11:59 p.m. on Friday, May 15, 2020.

In the 77 counties, the proclamation permits restaurants, fitness centers, malls, libraries, race tracks, and certain other retail establishments to reopen in a limited fashion with public health measures in place. In addition, the proclamation lifts the restriction on religious and spiritual gatherings so long as churches and other gathering hosts implement reasonable public health measures. All other regulatory relief previously provided to affected Iowans is also extended until Wednesday, May 27, 2020. The full proclamation is online in its entirety: [Part 1](#), [Part 2](#), and [Part 3](#).

Additional COVID-19 cases in Iowa, additional deaths confirmed

DES MOINES - Today, the Iowa Department of Public Health (IDPH) has been notified of 349 additional positive cases for a total of 5,868 positive cases. There have been an additional 1,668 negative tests for a total of 32,282 negative tests to date, which includes testing reported by the State Hygienic Lab and other labs. The number of positive cases will continue to grow as Test Iowa sites open and additional surveillance testing of large businesses and nursing home staff continues.

According to IDPH, an additional 9 deaths were also reported, 300 are currently hospitalized, and 2,021 Iowans have recovered. At this time, 1 in 82 Iowans have already been tested

According to IDPH the additional 9 deaths were reported in the following counties:

- Black Hawk County, 2 older adults (61-80 years)
- Bremer County, 1 elderly adult (81+)
- Dubuque County, 1 older adult (61-80 years)
- Polk County, 3 elderly adults (81+)
- Poweshiek County, 1 elderly adult (81+)
- Washington County, 1 elderly adult (81+)

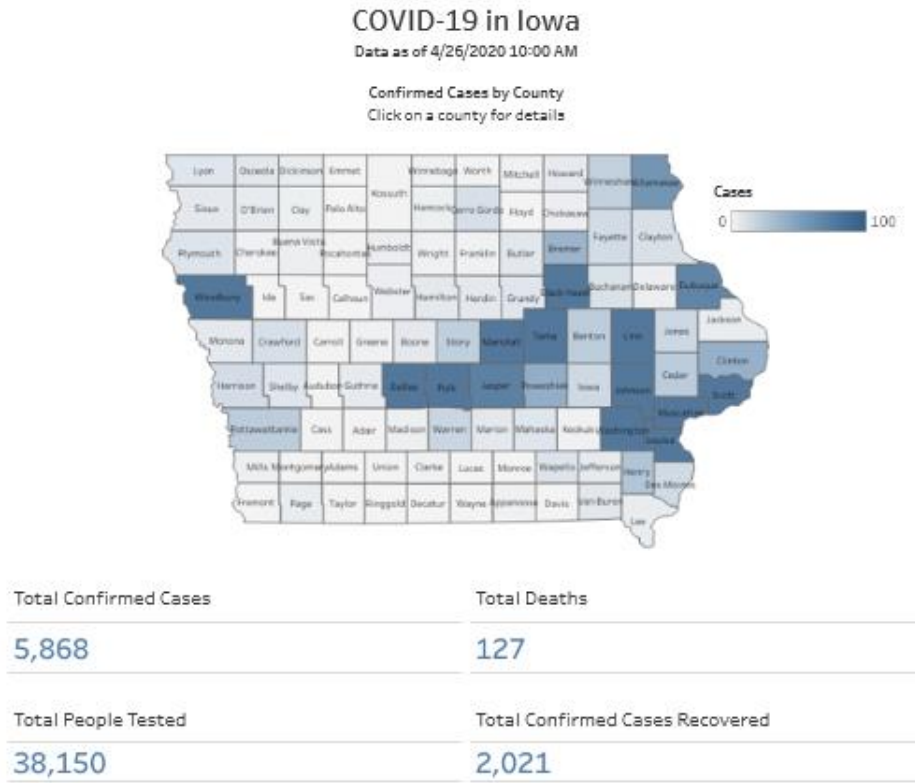
NOTE: Yesterday's new case numbers reported a small number of serology test results along with diagnostic test results. The positive serology test results have been removed and today's new case numbers are updated to reflect this change.

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The state of Iowa has released a dashboard on coronavirus.iowa.gov that will be updated daily to include comprehensive tracking of COVID-19 in Iowa. The dashboard includes cases, deaths, and tests conducted in each county. The state is now providing demographic information that was not previously provided as well as Iowa's epidemiological curve.

Map Data

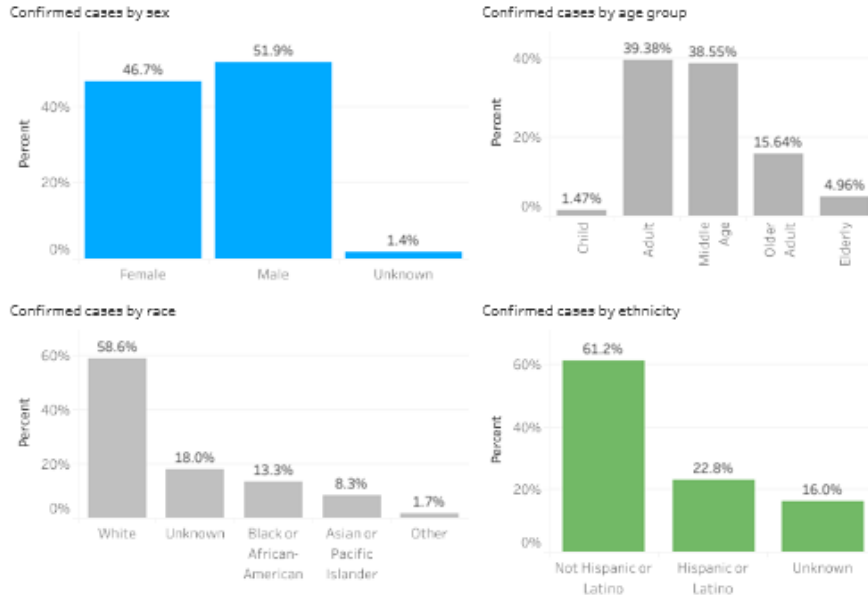
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COVID-19 can affect people of any age, but adults in Iowa have been diagnosed with COVID-19 much more frequently than children. Children may still have (and spread) COVID-19, but not be so sick that they go to the doctor and get tested. Further, testing remains limited and physicians may not test children with mild disease, so they may be less likely to be reported as having COVID-19. Adults 60 and older have died more frequently than younger adults and children.

COVID-19 in Iowa

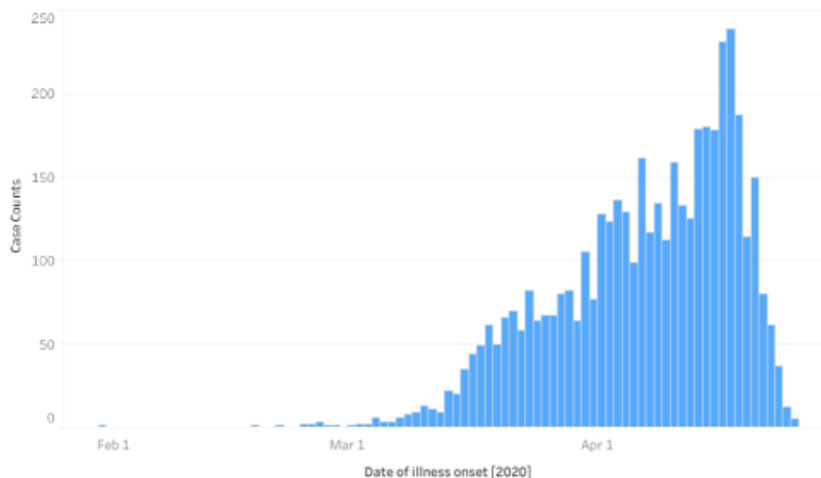
Confirmed Cases by Demographic
Data as of 4/26/2020 10:00 AM



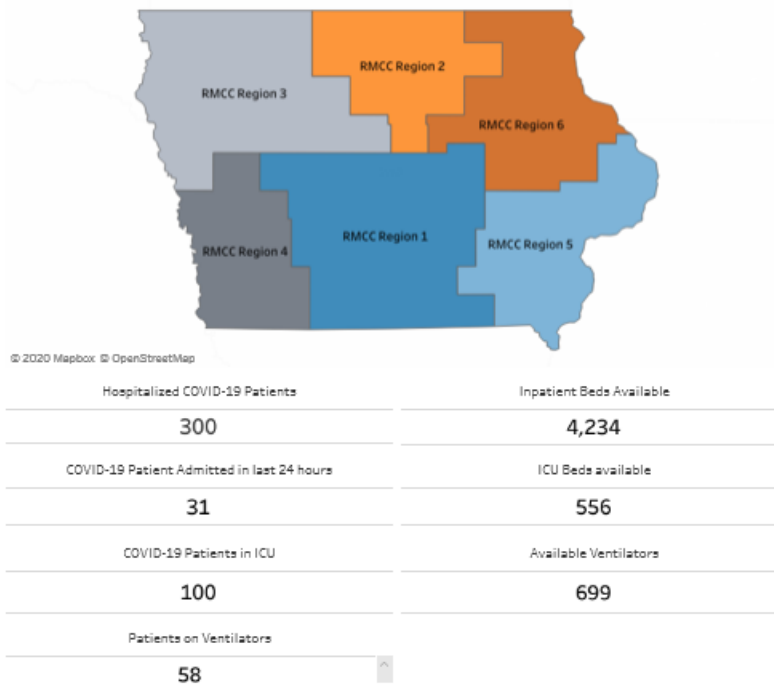
This chart shows the progression of the COVID-19 outbreak in cases and deaths over time, also known as an epidemiologic curve. Confirmed cases are people who tested positive. This is the curve that people are referring to when they say we want to "flatten the curve." Public health advises Iowans to stay home as much as possible in order to spread out the onset of disease over time, so that our healthcare system can continue to provide care to those who need it. While it's likely that there are more people in Iowa who have gotten sick with COVID-19 and not had a test, IDPH believes the shape of the curve is still informative; the number of people in our state who have had COVID-19 has been increasing through this time period. Because of the incubation period and how long a person is infectious, it will take some time to observe the impact of mitigation strategies. It should be noted that recent illnesses may not have been diagnosed or reported yet and data is updated as new information is received.

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Confirmed Cases
Data as of 4/26/2020 10:00 AM



Regional Medical Coordination Centers (RMCC) Hospital Data Summary
Select a Region on the map to show the numbers for that Region.
Data as of 4/26/2020 10:00 AM



Additional Information Resources

State of Iowa

<https://coronavirus.iowa.gov/>

State of Iowa COVID-19 page with resources for residents from case numbers, state agency resources, and health information.

<https://www.testiowa.com/>

Test Iowa is an initiative to expand testing capacity to limit the spread of COVID-19 in Iowa.

CDC

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>

This page provides information on COVID-19 from the CDC. At the bottom of the page you can sign up to receive a COVID-19 newsletter.

Iowa Department of Public Health

Guidance for making homemade masks which can be found here:

https://idph.iowa.gov/Portals/1/userfiles/7/Homemade%20Mask%20Design%20Guidance%203_28_20.pdf

Everyone needs help sometimes, Iowans who are experiencing stress, anxiety or fear related to COVID-19 can visit Your Life Iowa through the following sources:

- Web <https://yourlifeiowa.org/>
- Call: 855.581.8111
- Text: 855.895.8398

IDPH continuously updates information on their COVID-19 page. Find new press releases here:

<https://idph.iowa.gov/Emerging-Health-Issues/Novel->

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[Coronavirus?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery](#)

Iowa Workforce Development

Iowans who may qualify for unemployment due to COVID-19 or under the CARES Act can find information and a link to apply online here: <https://www.iowaworkforcedevelopment.gov/>

Iowa Business Recovery Assistance

Iowa businesses can receive relief assistance for qualifying business concerns. More information can be found at: <https://www.iowaeconomicdevelopment.com/businessrecovery.com>

Volunteer Iowa

Volunteer Iowa has set up an online volunteer event page for COVID-19-related volunteer opportunities. Opportunities are listed on the statewide online volunteer portal:

http://volunteeriowa.galaxydigital.com/need/?s=1&need_init_id=3002

Volunteer Iowa is also working to get volunteer centers, food banks, etc. to populate their volunteer needs on the portal so individuals have a resource to search for volunteer opportunities.

Iowa Legal Aid

Individuals with questions of a legal nature can call the COVID-19 Legal Information Hotline at 1-800-332-0419. The hotline was developed in partnership with Iowa Legal Aid, the Iowa State Bar Association, and the Polk County Volunteer Lawyer Project. The hotline can assist Iowans with business and compliance issues and other personal legal concerns. More information at <https://www.iowalegalaid.org/>.

Iowa Secretary of State

Iowa Secretary of State Paul Pate announced his office plans to mail an absentee ballot request form to every active registered voter in the state ahead of the June 2 primary. The forms will be sent in mid-late April and will include prepaid postage for return mailing to county auditors. See the press release for additional information.

https://sos.iowa.gov/news/2020_03_31.html

Iowa Department of Corrections

The Iowa Department of Corrections has established a public hotline available Monday through Friday during normal business hours at 515-373-5457. Information related to the Iowa Department of Corrections response to COVID-19 can be found at: <https://doc.iowa.gov/COVID19>

Public Information in other Languages

The COVID-19 website now offers a link to other languages thru Google Translator.

<https://coronavirus.iowa.gov/> -

Iowa Department of Human Rights

The Iowa Department of Human Rights provides COVID-19 information in multiple languages at the following website: <https://humanrights.iowa.gov/node/1868/>

Emergency Interpretation Hotline

The Iowa International Center offers a free phone interpretation hotline for emergency situations. These services are offered for emergency personnel (police, fire, paramedic, ER, domestic violence shelters) when they determine that language is a barrier to providing appropriate services at:

<https://iowainternationalcenter.org/local-resources/emergency-interpretation/>

Refugee Alliance of Central Iowa

The Refugee Alliance of Central Iowa is offering an Iowa COVID-19 ELL Help Line that connect callers with information, healthcare providers and resources in different languages. The help line is available Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at 1-877-558-2609. Additional information can be found at <https://www.refugeeallianceofcentraliowa.org/covid19-information>

Small Business Loans

The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) has issued a disaster declaration for the state of Iowa as of January 31, 2020, and continuing. The declaration allows pandemic-impacted small businesses to apply for low-interest support loans. The declaration comes after Gov. Kim Reynolds submitted a federal funding request via the SBA's Economic Injury Disaster Loan program.

Applications can be made via the SBA's website: <https://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela/>. Applicants can monitor the status of their applications online after submission.

For questions, please contact the SBA disaster assistance customer service center at 1-800-659-2955 (TTY: 1-800-877-8339) or email disastercustomerservice@sba.gov.

Additional resources for businesses can be accessed at www.safeguardiowa.org.

Rumor Control

The World Health Organization has introduced a rumor control website that also has downloadable graphics. It is available: <https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019/advice-for-public/myth-busters>

FEMA is operating a rumor control page at <https://www.fema.gov/coronavirus-rumor-control>

FEMA also provides other resources like fact sheets: <https://www.fema.gov/coronavirus>

Federal Coronavirus Site: <https://www.coronavirus.gov/>

The CDC also addresses this on their site: https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/share-facts.html?CDC_AA_refVal=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.cdc.gov%2Fcoronavirus%2F2019-ncov%2Fabout%2Fshare-facts.html

Medicare Scams and Fraud information: <https://www.medicare.gov/medicare-coronavirus>. Iowans can contact Iowa Senior Medicare Patrol for information about scams and to report Fraud. Iowa Senior Medicare Patrol is housed in the Iowa Insurance Division. <https://shiip.iowa.gov/smp/>

FDA Fraudulent COVID-19 kits Information: <https://www.fda.gov/news-events/press-announcements/coronavirus-covid-19-update-fda-alerts-consumers-about-unauthorized-fraudulent-covid-19-test-kits>. Overall Website: <https://www.fda.gov/emergency-preparedness-and-response/mcm-issues/coronavirus-disease-2019-covid-19>

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Comparison of Surrounding States to Iowa

As of 4/27/2020, the following is an overview of actions taken by Iowa and surrounding states concerning disaster declarations, shelter in place orders, school closures, and business closures.

STATE	GOVERNORS DISASTER PROCLAMATION	PRESIDENTIAL MAJOR DISASTER DECLARATION	GOVERNORS SHELTER IN PLACE ORDER	PUBLIC SCHOOLS	NON-ESSENTIAL BUSINESS CLOSURES
Iowa	COVID-19 Emergency Declaration	Major Disaster Declaration Approved 3/23/2020	None	Closed the remainder of school year	Closed until 05/15/2020 for 22 Iowa counties. Some open with restrictions for 77 Iowa counties beginning on May 1, 2020
Illinois	COVID-19 Emergency Declaration	Major Disaster Declaration Approved 3/26/2020	Entire State of Illinois until 05/30/2020	Closed the remainder of school year	Closed until 05/30/2020
Missouri	COVID-19 Emergency Declaration	Major Disaster Declaration Approved 3/26/2020	Entire state of Missouri until 05/03/20	Closed the remainder of school year	Closed until 05/03/2020
Nebraska	COVID-19 Emergency Declaration	Major Disaster Declaration Approved 04/04/2020	None	Closed until further notice	Closed until further notice
Wisconsin	COVID-19 Emergency Declaration	Major Disaster Declaration Approved 04/04/2020	Entire State of Wisconsin until 05/26/2020	Closed the remainder of school year	Closed until 05/26/2020
Minnesota	COVID-19 Emergency Declaration Signed	Major Disaster Declaration Approved 04/07/2020	Entire State of Minnesota until 5/04/2020	Closed the remainder of school year	Closed until further notice

HSEMD

JIC staff continues to post on social media.

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