



## Johnson County Public Health Johnson County Emergency Management



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### **Johnson County, Iowa, COVID-19 update for March 30, 2020**

Johnson County Public Health (JCPH) continues to work with the Iowa Department of Public Health (IDPH) and a number of other local agencies to contain the spread of COVID-19 in our community. As of today, Monday, March 30, 2020, there are 70 confirmed positive cases in Johnson County. Twenty-five have recovered from COVID-19, are no longer considered infectious, and are now under the same recommendations as the general public.

Currently, there is a total of 424 confirmed positive cases in Iowa. There have been a total of 6,162 negative tests to date, which includes testing reported by the State Hygienic Lab and other labs. A status report of monitoring and testing of COVID-19 in Iowa is provided by IDPH and can be found [here](#). In addition, a public hotline has been established for Iowans with questions about COVID-19. The line is available 24/7 by calling 2-1-1 or 1-800-244-7431.

Last night, the Federal government recommended that social distancing practices extend through April 30, 2020. Johnson County Public Health supports this recommendation.

Social distancing is putting physical space between yourself and other people.

- Maintain a distance of six feet from other people.
- Stay at home, especially when sick, even if you are not experiencing typical COVID-19 symptoms.
- Avoid gatherings.
- Cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue or your elbow/upper arm.
- Wash your hands frequently with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- Don't touch your face, especially your eyes, nose and mouth.
- Routinely clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces and items.

Remember that social distancing must be practiced everywhere. If you must go to the grocery store or pharmacy, maintain a distance of six feet between other people.

### **Johnson County extends building closures through 11:59 p.m. April 16**

Following the recommendation of JCPH, as a precaution to protect those who are most vulnerable in our community, Johnson County will extend the closure its buildings to the public, excluding the Johnson County

Courthouse, through 11:59 p.m. on Thursday, April 16, 2020. This is in line with Governor Kim Reynolds earlier order to close other facilities to the general public.

Johnson County continues to provide County services. Many Johnson County services are available online, by phone, or through mail or email. Contact information for all County departments and offices are available on the Johnson County website at [www.johnson-county.com](http://www.johnson-county.com).

As always, we thank the people of Johnson County for your support and patience during this difficult time. JCPH is doing everything we can to protect the health of the public through our recommendations. We are in constant contact with IDPH and our local health care providers and we are dedicated to containing the spread of COVID-19 and mitigating its impact.

Information about COVID-19 in Johnson County is available at [www.johnson-county.com/covid19](http://www.johnson-county.com/covid19).

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