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Johnson County, Iowa, COVID-19 update for April 14, 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, Tuesday, April 14, 2020, there are 216 confirmed positive cases in Johnson County. Seventy-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 1,899 confirmed positive cases in Iowa.

Disease investigation process update

We continue to be notified of cases from the State's disease surveillance system throughout the day. In anticipation of more cases, JCPH has expanded our disease investigation team. We currently have four staff members investigating positive COVID-19 cases and an additional three staff supporting various workflow.

The expansion of our disease investigation team increases our capacity to contact the public and collect information on those who have tested positive. This allows us to continue our commitment to investigate, follow-up with cases, identify close contacts, and provide recommendations to prevent further transmission.

Local resources

United Way of Johnson and Washington Counties Disaster Assistance Fund

United Way of Johnson and Washington Counties (UWJWC) and its partners are committed to ensuring that our region's most vulnerable families have the support they need to weather the short- and long-term impacts of the COVID-19 outbreak.

Hosted by United Way in partnership with corporate, nonprofit and foundation entities, and individual donors the Disaster Assistance Fund allows UWJWC to rapidly deploy resources to provide emergency relief to families and individuals in need. More information is available at or www.unitedwayjwc.org or 319-359-9218.

CommUnity Crisis Services and Food Bank

It is important to remember our mental health and the impact COVID-19 is having on those who continue to work in their workplaces, as well as those who are working from home and social distancing. The experience has been traumatic for many, but there are ways to decrease the lasting effects that it may have on mental health.

Remember, when interacting with others, everyone is in a stressful, traumatic time. Have patience, be respectful, be kind and generous, and listen.

CommUnity Crisis Services and Food Bank has a number of resources available.

- **COVID page:** <https://builtbycommunity.org/covid19/>
- **Mental health resources page:** <https://builtbycommunity.org/resources/>
- **Mental health blog post:** <https://builtbycommunity.org/social-distancing-mental-health/>

ICAreaTogether

A collaboration of Think Iowa City, Iowa City Area Development Group, Iowa City Area Business Partnership and the Iowa City Downtown District ICAreaTogether is a website that houses all COVID-19 relevant resources, news updates, applications and opportunities for businesses, employees and the community.

- **Employer resources:** <https://icareatogether.com/business-resources/>
- **Employee resources:** <https://icareatogether.com/employee-resources/>
- **Community information to support local businesses:** <https://icareatogether.com/community-resources/>

We all have a role to play

Remember, we all have a role to play to flatten the curve and stop the spread of COVID-19 in our community.

- Stay home as much as possible.
- Do not invite others – adults or children – into your home under any circumstances.
- Run essential errands only.
- Practice social distancing – stay at least six feet away from others.
- Enjoy outdoor activities responsibly, and only with those who live in your home.
- Work from home if you can.
- Isolate yourself in your home if you are sick, even if you are not experiencing typical COVID-19 symptoms.

Thank you to all Johnson County residents who are doing your best to protect our most vulnerable friends, family and neighbors from this virus.

Information about COVID-19 in Johnson County is available at www.johnson-county.com/coronavirus.

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