



## Johnson County Public Health Johnson County Emergency Management



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### Johnson County, Iowa, COVID-19 update for April 21, 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 21, 2020, there are 372 confirmed positive cases in Johnson County. One hundred and ten 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 3,641 confirmed positive cases in Iowa.

#### Assistance resources

Individuals and families in our community are experiencing increased financial strain during this pandemic. There are resources available to help during this difficult time. Even if you have not used local, state, or federal assistance in the past, you may be eligible to take advantage of services and assistance now, especially if you've recently lost income.

The Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children, or WIC, is available through the Johnson County WIC clinic at Johnson County Public Health. WIC provides nutritious food, baby formula, nutrition education, and breastfeeding support. The food provided by WIC is accessed at local grocers with a benefit card. Eligibility information is available at [www.johnson-county.com/wic](http://www.johnson-county.com/wic). Call the Johnson County WIC clinic to sign up at 319-356-6042. All visits will be completed by phone to keep families and staff safe and physically distant.

If you've experienced a change in your insurance coverage, you may be eligible for programs like Medicaid or Hawki. Medicaid and Hawki provide health and dental insurance coverage to income-eligible individuals and families. Call 319-325-3781 for more information or for help applying.

These are just a few of the resources available to the community. Information about additional resources are available at [www.johnson-county.com/ss](http://www.johnson-county.com/ss), including:

- Johnson County General Assistance for help with rent, utilities, non-food vouchers and prescriptions
- Food resources
- United Way Disaster Relief fund for assistance with rent, utilities and other needs
- CommUnity Crisis Services' emergency assistance fund and help with security deposits within Iowa City
- LiHEAP – assistance with heating bills

**National Volunteer Week**

This week is National Volunteer Week. Thank you to all of our volunteers in the county and everyone else stepping up to help friends, families or neighbors. The past several weeks have been and will continue to be challenging for everyone, but the amount of support and volunteerism we have experienced in our area is heartwarming and outstanding.

**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](http://www.johnson-county.com/coronavirus).

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