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Johnson County, Iowa, COVID-19 update for April 6, 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, April 6, 2020, there are 118 confirmed positive cases in Johnson County. Fifty-two have recovered from COVID-19, are no longer considered infectious, and are now under the same recommendations as the general public. JCPH has been notified of the first death associated with the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) in Johnson County. The individual was an older adult (61-80 years).

Currently, there is a total of 946 confirmed positive cases in Iowa. There have been a total of 10,653 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.

Governor extends Disaster Emergency Proclamation to include additional business closures through April 30

Governor Kim Reynolds announced today, Monday, April 6, that she is expanding the state's Disaster Emergency Proclamation. Beginning at 8 a.m. on Tuesday, April 7, and continuing through 11:59 p.m. on Thursday, April 30, the Governor has ordered the following closures:

- Malls: All enclosed malls, including interior common areas and any retail establishment that is only accessible to the public from the interior common areas;
- Tobacco or vaping stores;
- Toy, gaming, music, instrument, movie or adult entertainment stores;
- Social and fraternal clubs, including but not limited to American Legion or VFW posts, Elks Clubs, country clubs and golf course clubhouses. Food and beverages may be sold if they are promptly taken from the premises. A golf course clubhouse may be open to the minimal extent necessary to facilitate use of the golf course, provided appropriate social distancing practices are implemented;
- Bingo halls, bowling alleys, pool halls, arcades and amusement parks;
- Museums, libraries, aquariums and zoos;
- Race tracks and speedways;
- Indoor or outdoor roller or ice skating rinks and skate parks;
- Outdoor or indoor playgrounds or children's play centers, not including playgrounds in private residences or childcare facilities;

- Public and private campgrounds;
- Unsolicited door-to-door sales and solicitations at homes and residences.

All other previous closures stand through 11:59 p.m. on Thursday, April 30.

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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