

Cerro Gordo County Joint Information Center

COVID-19



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COVID-19 Joint Information Center Update

(Mason City) – Thursday, April 23rd, 2020

Data Snapshot

- 3,924 total lab confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Iowa (04/22/2020).
 - 14 total lab confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Cerro Gordo (04/22/2020).
 - Age Ranges of Lab Confirmed Cases: (18-40) = 2 cases, (41-60) = 6 cases, (61-80) = 6 cases
- 96 deaths in Iowa
 - 0 deaths in Cerro Gordo
- 1,134 COVID-19 tests administered at the mobile testing unit (04/22/2020).

A status report of monitoring and testing of COVID-19 in Iowa provided by IDPH can be found at

<https://coronavirus.iowa.gov/#CurrentStatus>. For Cerro Gordo County data, visit https://cghealth.com/?page_id=3754.

Elderbridge Will Help Cover Costs for Meal Box Delivery Service

Elderbridge Agency on Aging is offering to pay for meal boxes for those who cannot afford this service. The intention of the meal delivery service is to keep vulnerable individuals (60 years of age or older, or immunocompromised) at home, so they do not have to go grocery shopping every week or two. The meal box delivery service began on April 13th, and so far, 7 boxes have been delivered to homes. If you are interested in having a meal box delivered regardless of being able to pay, please call 641-494-3546.

What to Do If the TestIowa Assessment Asks You to Get Tested

Recently, the State of Iowa announced a new initiative called Test Iowa. Gov. Reynolds has asked all Iowans to take the short online assessment to see if you should get tested for COVID-19 or not. To our knowledge, the only testing site established through this initiative is in Des Moines. If you qualify for testing based upon the assessment, call the MercyOne Health Line at 641-428-7777 for an initial phone screening. They will provide instructions for testing if deemed necessary per the Iowa Department of Public Health (IDPH) guidelines. Do not show up to the mobile testing site without an appointment. With that said, the Federal Drug and Administration recently approved the first at-home testing kit. If you qualify for testing, we advise calling the MercyOne Family Health Line, opposed to obtaining the at-home testing kit. We will be providing more information and updates as this initiative develops. Please go to www.testiowa.com to take the assessment.

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