

Cerro Gordo County Joint Information Center

COVID-19



MEDIA RELEASE

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COVID-19 Joint Information Center Update

Data Snapshot

- 13,289 total lab-confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Iowa (05/12/2020).
 - 14 total lab-confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Cerro Gordo (05/12/2020).
 - Age Ranges of lab-confirmed cases: (18-40) = 2 cases, (41-60) = 6 cases, (61-80) = 6 cases
- 306 deaths in Iowa
 - 0 deaths in Cerro Gordo
- 2,224 COVID-19 tests administered at the mobile testing unit (05/12/2020).

A status report of monitoring and testing of COVID-19 in Iowa provided by Iowa Department of Public Health can be found at <https://coronavirus.iowa.gov/#CurrentStatus>. For Cerro Gordo County data, visit https://cghealth.com/?page_id=3754.

Governor Reynolds Allows the Reopening of Additional Businesses This Friday

The proclamation permits salons, barbershops, and massage and tattoo establishments to reopen throughout Iowa in a limited fashion with appropriate public health measures in place. It also permits restaurants (but not bars), fitness centers, libraries, and racetracks to reopen in the 22 counties where they have remained closed. These changes are effective at 5:00 a.m. on Friday, May 15.

The proclamation continues the other ongoing closures and public health measures, including the prohibition on social, community, recreational, leisure, and sporting gatherings and events of more than 10 people, until 11:59 p.m. on May 27, 2020.

It also strongly encourages all vulnerable Iowans, including those with preexisting medical conditions and those older than 65, in all counties of the state to continue to limit their activities outside of their home, including their visits to businesses and other establishments and their participation in gatherings of any size and any purpose.

The full proclamation can be viewed at

https://governor.iowa.gov/sites/default/files/documents/Public%20Health%20Proclamation%20-%202020.05.13.pdf?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery.

North Iowa Corridor Awards First Round of Funding to Businesses in Cerro Gordo County

The North Iowa Corridor EDC began distributing awards from the Small Business Recovery & Continuity Fund this week to 118 local businesses totaling \$414,495. The fund, created in partnership with the City of Clear Lake, the City of Mason City, and Cerro Gordo County provides essential financial relief to small businesses through the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic.

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"These funds will provide critical short-term assistance to our small businesses so they can maintain or reopen business operations," said NIC President & CEO Chad Schreck. About 150 businesses completed the final application for the program, requesting a total of more than \$680,000 in assistance.

Businesses and individuals interested in supporting this initiative can make a tax-deductible donation through United Way of North Central Iowa at <https://www.unitedwaynci.org/north-iowa-corridor-smallbusiness-covid-19-relief-fund> to help increase the impact for more of our businesses as new needs develop. The North Iowa Corridor also encourages shopping local safely and buying gift cards to support your favorite businesses as much as possible.

The full program details, press release and ongoing updates can be found at www.northiowacorridor.com/RecoveryFund. The full list of grant recipients can be viewed at <http://www.northiowacorridor.com/recoveryfund/>.

Local Webinar Tomorrow on Personal Mental Health and Ways to Lead Your Team

The way we work and live has changed dramatically, and "normal" has taken on new meaning. "North Iowa Strong: Living and Leading Through COVID-19" will provide tools to manage your own mental health and ways to lead your team (whether at work, volunteering, or at home) during this crisis.

Pastor Dan Gerrietts from Trinity Lutheran Church will present via Zoom at 10AM on Thursday, May 14. Registration is limited to the first 100 participants. The meeting will be recorded and shared online following the presentation. To register from this webinar, visit <http://business.masoncityia.com/events/details/north-iowa-strong-living-and-leading-through-covid-19-9438?calendarMonth=2020-05-01>.

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