

# Cerro Gordo County Joint Information Center

## COVID-19



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## COVID-19 Joint Information Center Update

### Data Snapshot

- 26,619 total lab-confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Iowa (06/24/2020).
  - 62 total lab-confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Cerro Gordo (06/24/2020).
- 691 deaths in Iowa
  - 1 death in Cerro Gordo
- 6,334 COVID-19 tests administered at the mobile testing unit (06/23/2020).

A status report of monitoring and testing of COVID-19 in Iowa, including county-level data, provided by the Iowa Department of Public Health can be found at <https://coronavirus.iowa.gov/#CurrentStatus>.

### CG Public Health Guidance for Planning and Organizing Events and Large Gathering

As the COVID-19 pandemic continues to develop, community events and celebrations are restarting. Event organizers and the public look to Cerro Gordo Public Health to guide them toward a safe event. CG Public Health does not offer “approvals” for events; however, we offer the following guidelines for event planners to use when setting up the events and large gatherings.

#### During the marketing of events and large gatherings

- Stress to attendees they should not attend the event if they are ill with a fever, cough, difficulty breathing, lack of taste or smell, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nauseous/vomiting, or diarrhea.
- Stress that people who are over 65 years of age, have underlying preexisting conditions, or are pregnant should not attend.
- Encourage all attendees above the age of 2 to wear cloth face coverings in all public spaces.
- Encourage all attendees to bring their own food and water.
- Educate your staff on recognizing the signs and symptoms of COVID-19 to ensure those in attendance are not experiencing those symptoms, as well as, behaviors required to reduce the spread of COVID-19.
- Prepare marketing messaging and event signage to promote everyday preventative measures including hand hygiene, respiratory etiquette, cloth facial covering usage, signs and symptoms, and staying home when sick.

#### During the planning of events and large gatherings

- Consider holding the event outdoors.
- Ensure adequate supplies of hand sanitizer and/or hand washing stations are available to support healthy hygiene behaviors.

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- Post signage in highly visible locations that promote everyday preventative measures, including hand hygiene, respiratory etiquette, cloth facial covering usage, signs and symptoms of COVID-19, and staying home when sick.
- Develop a schedule for increased, routine cleaning and disinfection.
- Require the use of cloth face coverings for all staff.
- Limit attendance and modify layouts and entrances to encourage social distancing.
- Install physical guidance to encourage individuals and groups of individuals to remain 6 feet apart.
- Limit the number of people who can occupy the bathroom at one time to allow for social distancing.
- Consider closing drinking fountains and food concessions.
- If food options are provided, use touchless payment options, disposable dinner ware, avoid self-serve options and condiments, and ensure social distancing guidance is in place for staff and attendees.
- Designate a 'point person' responsible for responding to COVID-19 concerns.

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