

Cerro Gordo County Joint Information Center

COVID-19



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COVID-19 Joint Information Center Update

Data Snapshot

- 44,547 total lab-confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Iowa (07/31/2020).
 - 568 total lab-confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Cerro Gordo (07/31/2020).
 - 220 total recovered in Cerro Gordo
- 866 deaths in Iowa
 - 17 deaths in Cerro Gordo
- 11,804 COVID-19 tests administered at the mobile testing unit (07/30/2020).

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>.

A Simple Act of Compassion Can Go a Long Way

“Iowa nice”, we have all heard the phrase. This cultural label was not given to us, but rather earned. From our friendly attitudes, to our general agreeableness, neighborly dispositions, and the emotional trust we show to people who are otherwise complete strangers. Between growing frustrations, and the wide diversity of opinion over the COVID-19 pandemic, it is easy to lose track of these characteristically “Iowan” traits. Yes, this pandemic is unlike anything we have seen before, but we are Iowans. When times are tough, we take care of each other. When our neighbor needs a hand, we give them two. We support each other, lift each other up, and treat each other with respect. That teenage girl greeting you at your favorite store, extending an invitation to you to wear a mask, is someone’s daughter and deserves respect. That young man watering your glass at your favorite restaurant, wearing a facial covering for the duration of a 6-hour dinner rush, is someone’s son and deserves respect. It is so easy to misdirect your frustrations on someone who does not deserve it, and understand, no one is perfect. In an instant you can ruin someone’s day. In that same instant you can positively affect someone for a lifetime. It only takes one “thank you”, one “I appreciate what you do”, one simple act of compassion to completely change the life of an individual. What we are asking is simple, choose to make one simple act of compassion in your community every day, bring light to an otherwise dark moment.

Bring back “Iowa nice”.

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