



POTTAWATTAMIE COUNTY
PUBLIC HEALTH

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POTTAWATTAMIE COUNTY NEW COVID-19 CASES

On May 18, Pottawattamie County Public Health (PCPH) reported 9 new COVID-19 cases, all of which are Council Bluffs residents. One of the cases is 18-40 years old, two are 41-60 years old, and six are 61-80 years old. These individuals were tested between May 7 and May 15. Thus far, 2,060 Pottawattamie County residents have been tested for COVID-19, and a total of 171 have tested positive.

Currently, two individuals are hospitalized, 92 individuals are self-isolating, and 74 have fully recovered. The vast majority of positive cases have not required hospitalization and have been able to fully recover at home. On May 18, two additional cases were tracked via PCPH contact tracing investigations, bringing the current number of community spread cases down from 55 to 53.

For additional COVID-19 information, including case demographics filtered by county, visit the Iowa Department of Public Health's COVID-19 dashboard at <https://coronavirus.iowa.gov/>. The dashboard is updated daily and contains Iowa's total number of cases, recoveries, deaths, tests conducted, and epidemiological curve.

PCPH continues to conduct contact tracing investigations for each COVID-19 case. If and when a risk to the general public is identified, PCPH will publicly identify the location and communicate any actions the public should take.

Because we have community spread of COVID-19, individuals should take precautions to protect themselves. Stay home as much as possible, limit travel and shopping, practice social distancing by staying at least six feet away from others. Wash hands and disinfect frequently touched surfaces multiple times per day. If you are sick, stay home.

Iowans are encouraged to go to www.testiowa.com and complete the assessment. TestIowa is an initiative designed to increase the rate of COVID-19 testing in Iowa. If you have COVID-19 symptoms or develop symptoms (fever, cough, shortness of breath), contact your healthcare provider before going to the doctor's office or an emergency room.

COVID-19 Resources:

www.TestIowa.com

[Pottawattamie County EMA COVID-19](#)

[UPDATED: State of Iowa Coronavirus Dashboard](#)

[Iowa Department of Public Health](#)

[Center for Disease Control and Prevention](#)

COVID-19 Hotlines:

Iowa COVID-19 Hotline: 2-1-1 or 1-800-244-7431

Pottawattamie County Emergency Management Agency COVID-19 Hotline: 712-890-5368 or 712-890-5369

Hope 4 Iowa Crisis Hotline: 844-673-4469

Your Life Iowa - Everyday Life Support: Call 855-581-8111 or Text 855-895-8398 or visit www.yourlifeiowa.org

Methodist Health System Hotline and Screening Tool: 402-815-SICK (7425)

CHI Health Hotline: Visit www.chihealth.com for information

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