



POTTAWATTAMIE COUNTY
PUBLIC HEALTH

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POTTAWATTAMIE COUNTY NEW COVID-19 CASES

On May 8, Pottawattamie County Public Health (PCPH) reported eight new COVID-19 cases. Seven of these individuals are residents of Council Bluffs and one is a resident of Oakland. The total of COVID-19 cases in Pottawattamie County is now 80. Currently, 42 individuals are self-isolating, one is hospitalized, 35 have recovered, and there have been two deaths.

The State of Iowa has released an updated COVID-19 dashboard on www.coronavirus.iowa.gov. The improved dashboard is updated daily to include comprehensive tracking of COVID-19 in Iowa. The State's dashboard contains total number of cases, recoveries, deaths, tests conducted, and Iowa's epidemiological curve.

The dashboard is interactive and allows you to explore cases by county. Select a county name within the map or table to filter to specific counties. Here you will find demographic information including positive case age groups and gender, as well as information regarding race and ethnicity.

PCPH will continue to issue daily updates and connect residents with COVID-19 related information and resources. To find more information, folks are encouraged to utilize the State's dashboard.

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 still encouraged to go to www.testiowa.com and complete the assessment. TestIowa is an initiative designed to dramatically 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 - Every Day 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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