



POTTAWATTAMIE COUNTY
PUBLIC HEALTH

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POTTAWATTAMIE COUNTY COVID-19 UPDATE

As of Friday, April 17, Pottawattamie County Public Health remains at a total of eighteen COVID-19 cases, eleven of which have recovered, four are self-isolating at home, two are hospitalized, and there has been one death.

On Friday, April 17, the Douglas County Health Department confirmed that two employees of Tyson Foods in Council Bluffs tested positive for COVID-19 on April 14. Both of these individuals reside in Douglas County, Nebraska; therefore, the cases are not reflected in Pottawattamie County's COVID-19 numbers. Both individuals are self-isolating at home.

Pottawattamie County Public Health is in contact with Tyson Foods and Iowa Department of Public Health. Because a large number of Tyson Foods employees live in Omaha, Pottawattamie County Public Health will continue to work closely with Douglas County and the Nebraska health systems to navigate the situation as it evolves. Pottawattamie County will provide updates as they become available.

The best way to protect yourself and others from COVID-19 is to stay at home as much as possible. Only leave home for essential reasons. Do not visit big box stores except for essential grocery and pharmaceutical needs. If you must leave home, practice social distancing, and stay at least six feet away from others. Implement excellent hygiene and disinfectant practices. Wash hands and disinfect frequently touched surfaces multiple times per day. Isolate if you are sick.

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:

[Pottawattamie County EMA COVID-19](#)
[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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