



POTTAWATTAMIE COUNTY
PUBLIC HEALTH

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POTTAWATTAMIE COUNTY NEW COVID-19 CASES

On May 14, Pottawattamie County Public Health (PCPH) reported 25 new COVID-19 cases. Twenty of the new cases are residents of Council Bluffs, four are from Carter Lake, and one is from Oakland. Four of the cases are children (0-18), nine individuals are 18-40 years old, nine are 41-60 years old, one is 61-80 years old, and two are elderly adults (80+). These individuals were tested between May 2 and May 13.

The total of COVID-19 cases in Pottawattamie County is now 131. Currently, 77 individuals are self-isolating, one is hospitalized, 50 have recovered, one has moved out-of-state, and there have been two deaths. Based on PCPH contact tracing investigations, 46 Pottawattamie County COVID-19 cases are the result of community spread.

The IDPH COVID-19 dashboard at coronavirus.iowa.gov shows Pottawattamie County with a total of 138 cases, but the accurate count is 131. The discrepancy is due to a number of duplicated reports. PCPH is working with IDPH to correct the numbers.

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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