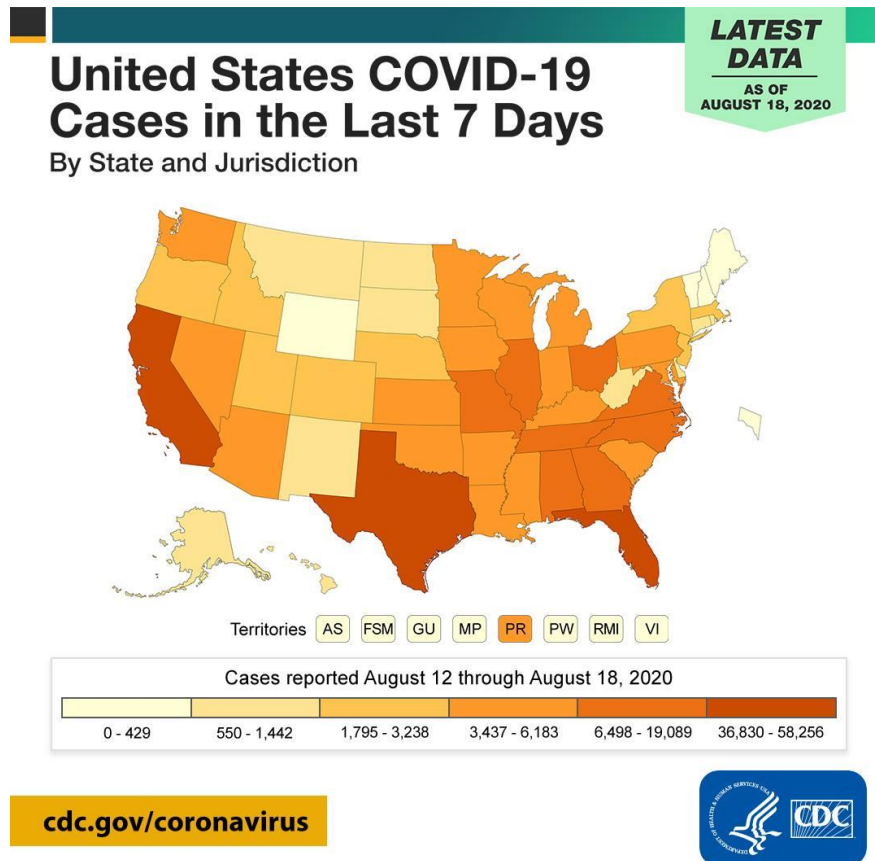


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For Immediate Release: August 20, 2020

Marion County Joint Information Center

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- The CDC recommends the following home isolation measures be taken if you are sick and if you will not have a test to see if you are still contagious. You can leave your sick room and home when:
 - At least 10 days since symptoms first appeared **and**
 - At least 24 hours with no fever without fever-reducing medication **and**
 - Symptoms have improved

How to Protect Yourself & Others - Everyone Should:

- **Wash Your Hands Often**
- **Avoid Close Contact**
- **Cover your mouth and nose with a mask when around others**
- **Cover coughs and sneezes**
- **Clean and disinfect**
- **Monitor Your Health Daily**
 - Take your temperature if symptoms develop.

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/prevention.html>

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COVID-19 New Details:

State of Iowa	August 20th	Marion County 8/20/20	
New Cases	397	New Cases	11
Total Cases	53,990	Total Cases	254
Additional Deaths	10	Total Deaths	0
Total Deaths	1,014	Total Recovered	209
Hospitalized	300	Total Active	45
In ICU Beds	89	LTC Outbreaks	0
On Ventilators	31	Daily Tests (8/19)	19
Total Recovered	42,353	Total Tests Conducted	4,086
LTC Outbreaks	33	% Positive Analysis - Public School 14 day average positivity rates	9.4%
Daily Tests	1,859		

Marion County Positive Cases by Age Group				
Child (0-17)	Adult (18-40)	Middle Age (41-60)	Older Adult (61-80)	Elderly (>80)
34	95	78	41	6

*** The IDPH state map includes ONLY counts of PCR positive tests; they do not include epi-linked cases. Marion County counts both positive tests AND epi-linked cases just as with any other virus /disease tracking that our nurses do contact tracing with. Therefore, our reported numbers on this situation report will differ from the numbers reported by the state. If you have any further questions about this, please feel free to contact our office.

- **8/8/20** In Executive Actions, [Trump Extends Some Unemployment Benefits](#), Defers Payroll Taxes

CDC/IDPH Recommendations

- **8/4/20 CDC Your Participation is Key!** [Contact tracing slows the spread of COVID-19](#)
- **7/23/20 CDC Personal and Social Activities:** [What you need to know](#)
- **Protect Yourself When Using Transportation:** [Public transit, rideshares and taxis, micro-mobility devices, and personal vehicles](#)
- CDC Recommendations: [Hosting gatherings or cook-outs](#)
- CDC Guidelines [When You Can be Around Others After You Had or Likely Had COVID-19](#)
 - How long do I have to isolate if I've tested positive for COVID-19, had symptoms or have been exposed to someone who has it?
- If you are thinking about traveling away from your local community, ask, "Is COVID-19 spreading where you're going?" Learn more about [Considerations for Travelers](#)
- CDC Guidelines on how to properly wear your facemask – [Facemask Do's and Don'ts](#)

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- COVID-19 is thought to spread mainly through close contact from person-to-person. Some people without symptoms may be able to spread the virus. We are still learning about how the virus spreads and the severity of illness it causes. Click [here](#) to see the updated information.

State News

- **8/11/20** Governor Reynolds [Live Press Conference](#)
- **7/24/20 Gov. Reynolds signs new proclamation continuing State Public Health Emergency Declaration** continuing the Public Health Disaster Emergency for another 30 days. See the full proclamation in its entirety [here](#).

Marion County news:

- Please follow all media releases regarding COVID-19 in Marion County, Iowa by visiting:
 - Facebook: <https://fb.me/MarionCountyIAResponsetoCOVID19>
 - Twitter: <https://twitter.com/MarionCoCOVID19>
- Marion County Covid-19 Update August 4, 2020 – Watch video [here](#).

Relief/Resources

- 08/15/2020 Iowa's application for Lost Wages Assistance funds approved by FEMA. Trump Administration approves critical payments for lowans relying on unemployment benefits. <https://governor.iowa.gov/press-release/iowa%E2%80%99s-application-for-lost-wages-assistance-funds-approved-by-fema>
- 8/4/20 Iowa Eviction and Foreclosure Prevention Program Eligibility Criteria Expanded to Assist More lowans. See more details [here](#).
- All food relief and other resources regarding information for Marion County schools and residents will be updated live. Click [here](#) to see the full list of food resources and details.
- Other resources for Marion County Residents can be found [here](#).

Childcare/Schools

- To find the % Positive Analysis - Public School District Summary, visit [here](#).
- **7/30/20 Governor Reynolds Return to Learn update** with guidance from IDPH and DOE
 - Watch video [here](#).
- **7/29/30 Iowa Department of Education COVID-19 Guidance and Information**
- **7/23/20 CDC Preparing K-12 School Administrators for a Safe Return to School in Fall 2020**
- **7/17/20 Gov. Reynolds signs new public health proclamation advancing Iowa's Return to Learn strategy.** The proclamation directs all state agencies, school districts, and local governments to focus on preparing to safely welcome back students and teachers to school in-person in the fall.
 - Gov. Reynolds discussed the new proclamation at her press conference. Watch the live press conference [here](#).
 - See the full proclamation [here](#).
- 6/23/20 [COVID-19 Case Reporting and Outbreak Responsibilities for childcare facilities.](#)

Business

- 8/3/20 IED - **Nonprofit Recovery Fund** will provide short-term relief to nonprofit organizations that have seen reduced revenue and increased costs as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. Click [here](#) for more information and to apply.
- Visit [Red Rock Area](#) for information for both customers and businesses to stay connected with local businesses in our county. [Red Rock Area](#) can also help businesses to connect with local chambers to provide ideas, solutions, and inspiring stories.
- For business and data for economic development please visit [Marion County Development](#) or contact Carla Eysink at carla@redrockarea.com or call 641.828.2257 for more information.

Reopening Guidelines

- **8/10/20 Iowa Department of Inspection and Appeals Iowa Guidance on [Phased Easing of Restrictions for Long-Term Care Facilities](#)**

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- **7/24/20 Updated Iowa Food Business Operating Criteria during COVID-19**
 - It is critical that bar, restaurant, winery, brewery, distillery, wedding reception venue, country club, and other social and fraternal club personnel review, and these establishments must ensure the following mandatory requirements included in the governor's proclamation are in place and enforced. Click [here](#) for further guidance.
- [Pool Reopening Guidelines](#)
- [Considerations for Churches – Planning for re-opening](#)
- [Iowa Guidance for Spiritual and Religious Gatherings During COVID-19](#)
- [Iowa Farmers Markets During COVID-19](#)
- [Guidance for Concession Stands and Temporary Food Events During COVID-19](#)

Useful information regarding COVID-19

- COVID in Iowa <https://coronavirus.iowa.gov/>
- **Test Iowa Call Center** 515-575-2131 Preferred number or 844-844-1561
- Iowa IDPH <https://idph.iowa.gov/Emerging-Health-Issues/Novel-Coronavirus>.
- Governor Reynolds <https://governor.iowa.gov/newsroom>
- If you need assistance finding food, paying housing bills, accessing free childcare, or other essential services, find your local 211 or dial 211 to speak to someone who can help. <http://www.211.org/services/covid19#FAQ>
- COVID-19 DHS Resources <https://dhs.iowa.gov/COVID19>
- Mental Health resources: www.YourLifelowa.org or live chat, text (855-895-8398) or phone (855-581-8111)
- COVID-19 Information By and For People with Disabilities <http://www.gmsavt.org/>
- COVID-19 related volunteer opportunities [volunteer portal](#).
- [Emergency Interpretation Hotline](#)
- [National Environmental Health Association](#) COVID-19 information
- Iowa Multilingual COVID-19 Phone Line: 1-877-558-2609
- [OSHA during COVID](#)
- [#StepUpMaskUpIA](#)

