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Iowa Corrections COVID-19 Information

Information related to the Department's response to COVID-19 (Coronavirus) will be posted here as it becomes available.

First: If you are sick and believe you may have COVID-19, please **do not** come to a correctional facility, and contact your healthcare provider immediately.

-Staff should contact their supervisor immediately.

For Iowa's website on the COVID-19 crisis, please visit: <https://coronavirus.iowa.gov/>

For general information on the COVID-19 health issue, please visit the Iowa Department of Public Health's website at: <https://idph.iowa.gov/Emerging-Health-Issues/Novel-Coronavirus>

The U.S. Center for Disease Control website on COVID-19 information and updates is at: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/summary.html>

The department has developed an FAQ for the public, available by [clicking here.](#)

For those that have a loved-one currently incarcerated, the director [has recorded a message for you.](#)

Iowa Corrections-Specific Responses to COVID-19:

Changes Effective Immediately (updated 3/14/20):

Visiting has been suspended at all prisons until further notice.

All volunteer activities in the prisons are suspended until further notice. Volunteers will be contacted by email when this suspension is lifted.

LSA published a list of the steps the Iowa DOC has taken to prepare for and mitigate the impact of COVID-19 in the prisons. To view, [click here.](#)

Update 3/24/20: Each incarcerated person now has the ability to send 4 free o-mails per week. The department is continuing to work on lower-cost or free phone calls and video solutions.

For Staff: staff-specific information will be sent to you from either Central Office or your institution/district's leadership.

Please check with your supervisor prior to any out-of-state travel either for personal or business reasons.

For an FAQ for staff: DAS has provided a document at [this link.](#) (last updated 3/18/20)

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