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## **KEEPING YOU SAFE & INFORMED**

### **COVID-19 RESPONSE 3-16-2020**

#### ***Here's what we know***

- As of 4:30 p.m. this afternoon, there have been 23 of confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Iowa across 7 counties
- Community spread is a concern statewide
- The White House has advised Americans to avoid gathering in groups of more than 10 people

#### ***Here's what we are doing***

- Increasing social distancing via telework, virtual meetings, small gatherings, limited in-state travel
- Increasing sanitization and cleaning throughout all facilities, especially in public facing and high-touch areas
- Starting Tuesday, March 17 we will be encouraging social distancing at our driver's service centers by encouraging customers to make appointments and limiting the number of customers waiting inside our facilities at one time
- Looking at ways to hold public meetings virtually if they cannot be cancelled
- Developing FAQ's for the many questions and concerns being shared (coming very soon)
- MVE has developed guidelines for social distancing with customers
- The Districts are working through contingency plans for garages and other district facilities
- Updating the agency Pandemic Plan with comments received from many of you (also coming very soon if you haven't seen it already)

We are working to keep you informed by providing regular updates and continued guidance for both employees and supervisors regarding our response to COVID-19. You can find that information on [iowadot.gov](http://iowadot.gov) under the employees tab or in the supervisor's toolbox on [DOTnet](#), including an archive of messages to employees. In the coming days, you will see more complete information added to those sites, including the documents mentioned above.

As a reminder, this is a very fluid, rapidly evolving situation, but the work we are doing is being done to keep the health and safety of our employees and customers as our top priority. Please continue to do your part to know the facts, remain calm, and help mitigate the spread of the virus.

Stay safe!