



# KEEPING YOU SAFE & INFORMED

## COVID-19 RESPONSE 4-8-2020

### *Stay connected*

Iowa DOT's COVID-19 pages are available at <https://iowadot.gov/covid-19> (outside the DOT network) or <http://dotnet/covid-19/> (inside the DOT network).

### *Here's what we know*

- Since our last update on Monday there have been an additional 199 positive cases reported for a total of 1,145 positive cases confirmed and 27 deaths in Iowa. To get the latest stats and a map of counties with positive cases check the state's [COVID-19 website](#).

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

- The [telework FAQs](#) have been updated to add information on how to change your password remotely and printing while teleworking. New items have been marked with an \*asterisk in the FAQ. Don't forget these FAQs are only available while logged onto a DOT server either on-site or via VPN.
- A memo went out earlier today stating that overtime eligible employees may accrue up to 160 hours of compensatory time, starting with the 4/3 pay period. This change was granted as a waiver from DAS due to the COVID-19 emergency.
- During Monday's update we asked for photos and videos of our workers altering their daily operations to include social distancing, increased use of PPE, or other methods to protect ourselves and our customers from the spread of COVID-19. **Please send your images to [katlyn.brouwer@iowadot.us](mailto:katlyn.brouwer@iowadot.us) by close of business on Friday.** The photos and videos will be used to help us document and promote how the DOT is altering their operations during this time.

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

- The Governor's Emergency Proclamation issued on Monday ordered the closing of malls. That means that driver's service centers in Waterloo, Council Bluffs, Burlington, and Iowa City that were located in malls were forced to temporarily close. We have been working quickly to find temporary locations for those centers to operate from. Council Bluffs will be the first to reopen on Wednesday morning inside the Omni Business Center.
- Monday's Emergency Proclamation also ordered public and private campgrounds to close to temporary recreational use. However, many of our contractor partners rely on campgrounds as a place for their crews to live while they are working on projects away from their permanent residences. We have worked in partnership with the Iowa Department of Natural Resources to determine that this use would not fall under the temporary recreational use stated in the proclamation and are providing guidance and documentation to help assure our contractor partners have access to campgrounds during this time.

We will continue to keep you informed on what the Iowa DOT is doing to respond. Please stay safe, stay home when possible, and remember to practice good hygiene and social distancing!