



# KEEPING YOU SAFE & INFORMED

## COVID-19 RESPONSE 4-15-2020

### *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 285 positive cases reported for a total of 1,995 positive cases confirmed. Iowa has had 10 additional deaths for a total of 53 in the state due to COVID-19.
- The state's [COVID-19 website](#) has been updated to include enhanced dashboards regarding cases, tests, deaths, and curve information. We encourage you to check it out for the most up to date information.

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

- Our employees have been working incredibly hard to keep transportation in Iowa moving while protecting themselves and our customers from increased exposure to COVID-19. To celebrate the great work our staff has done, we are launching an appreciation video on social media tomorrow to thank each and every one of you for your contributions. [Check it out!](#) Thank you to everyone who provided photos and videos highlighting the work being done.
- The CDC is encouraging people to wear masks as they venture out in public. We are supporting that recommendation by providing masks for many of our employees across the state. If you wish to wear a mask at work (whether DOT provided or your own) we encourage you to do so.
- Approximately one-third of DOT employees have been working remotely. For those that aren't in their normal work setting, we encourage you to find creative and cost-saving ways to accomplish work. For example, try to utilize documents in a digital format whenever possible, to limit the need to print. However, we realize that occasionally you may need resources at home, that would normally be available to you in your work setting. If you have such needs, please work through your supervisor to fulfill the need for things like office supplies and computer or other equipment.



Director Marler donning his mask as he goes about his workday.

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

- We have launched a new process which allows staff to be able to observe commercial drivers conducting their CDL skills testing from a distance. This prevents the need our driver's license examiners to get into a vehicle with applicants. MVE officers will now lead applicants through the skills test while the examiner observes and scores the applicant from behind. This temporary process protects our staff and customers against increased exposure to COVID-19. As a reminder, we are currently only conducting CDL drive tests at 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!