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COVID-19 RESPONSE 4-22-2020

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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 589 positive cases reported for a total of 3,748 positive cases confirmed. Iowa has had 11 additional deaths for a total of 90 in the state due to COVID-19. Unfortunately, on Tuesday we hit our one day high of new cases at 482. However, 157 of those new positive cases were part of surveillance testing for meat processing facilities.
- Don't forget to check out the state's [COVID-19 website](#) for the latest information.

Here's what we are doing internally

- We continue to work to get hand sanitizer and personal protective equipment or PPE into the DOT as it becomes available from suppliers. If your work unit needs any of these items, please contact Support Services.

Here's what we are doing externally

- Yesterday the Governor announced the TestIowa program which asks Iowans to fill out an online assessment at testiowa.com to determine if they may need to be tested for COVID-19. We encourage all employees to do the assessment and challenge other Iowans to do the same with the [#TestIowaChallenge](#). Data collected through this process will be a major step in helping understand the extent of COVID-19 in Iowa, where hotspots exist, and facilitate getting more people tested, which will help us get back to our normal way of life as soon as possible. The goal of the program is to work towards being able to test up to 3,000 people per day.

The Iowa DOT has had a hand in the program by working to secure four test sites across the state and providing traffic control for the sites when they are in operation.

- We continue to find creative ways to be able to conduct business during this time. Driver education is typically very popular during the spring and summer months. Soon we will be asking driver's ed instructors to submit ideas on how to conduct behind-the-wheel instruction in socially distanced and safe ways using alternative methods. Our driver's services team will then be reviewing these ideas and approving viable options to be put into action. Approved ideas will also be used to help us provide direction to other officially sanctioned instructors wishing to continue provide driver's education 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!