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COVID-19 RESPONSE 4-24-2020

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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 Wednesday there have been an additional 697 positive cases reported for a total of 4,445 positive cases confirmed. Iowa has had 17 additional deaths for a total of 107 in the state due to COVID-19. Don't forget to check out the state's [COVID-19 website](#) for the latest information.
- During today's COVID-19 briefing, the Governor announced that she will begin allowing healthcare providers to resume some nonessential and elective surgeries beginning Monday, as well as allow farmer's markets to begin limited operations with appropriate public health precautions. You can find more details [here](#). These are some of the first steps in beginning to open Iowa back up again.

Here's what we are doing internally

- We have asked Director Clabaugh with the Iowa Department of Public Health to create another video to help answer employee questions regarding COVID-19. You can find the latest video [here](#) or on both DOT COVID-19 websites.

Here's what we are doing externally

- On Thursday, Support Services employees Nathan Aronson and Mark Vetter went on a mission to Alexandria Minnesota to pick up a new Oktopure machine that is used to test for the COVID-19 virus and deliver it to the State Hygienic Lab in Coralville. While they were under strict orders to treat the machine with the utmost care and it was a long day that started in the early morning hours, their dedication will help with testing for the virus in Iowa.
- Staff have also been busy picking up and deliver equipment to help with COVID-19 response. Another mission sent staff to Iowa City today to deliver two semi loads of medical gowns to Ankeny.
- If you have not filled out your online TestIowa assessment, we encourage you to do so at testiowa.com. This assessment will



determine if you need to be tested for COVID-19 and will direct you on how to make an appointment if you need to complete a test. Widescale testing is our pathway to get a handle on where the virus exists, hotspots in the state and will help us get back to our normal way of life as soon as possible.

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!

