

The graphic features the IOWADOT logo at the top left, followed by the text "COVID -19" in a large, bold, white font. Below this, the words "RESPONSE UPDATE" are written in white, all-caps font inside a teal rectangular box. At the bottom of the graphic, the phrase "KEEPING YOU SAFE & INFORMED" is written in a smaller, white, all-caps font. The entire graphic is set against a dark red background with a thin yellow border.

IOWADOT
COVID -19
RESPONSE UPDATE
KEEPING YOU SAFE & INFORMED

This is being sent to all employees, please share with those who don't have easy access to email.

Date: January 22, 2021

WHAT WE KNOW

As of 1:30 p.m. today, 11.2% of those tested for COVID-19 in Iowa in the last 14 days have been positive. That percentage drops to 8.5% in the last 7 days. A total of 335,769 individuals in Iowa have tested positive since the start of the pandemic. Of those 273,031 have recovered. You can find information statewide statistics [here](#).

Below is a look at our positive cases at the Iowa DOT as of 4 p.m. yesterday:

LOCATION	POSITIVE CASES (PAST 14 DAYS)	TOTAL SINCE 3/1/20
District 1	2	53
District 2	2	30
District 3	0	37
District 4	2	24
District 5	3	24
District 6	-1	38
Ames Complex	2	60
Motor Vehicle Division	1	28
Motor Vehicle Enforcement	0	11
TOTAL	11	305

This is a decrease of 3 in positive cases over the last 14 days from the number two weeks ago. The chart above is updated by 4 p.m. each day and can be found [online](#).

WHAT WE ARE DOING

Vaccine Distribution

Some employees have started to receive the COVID-19 vaccine or have been contacted by your county health department notifying that you are eligible to receive a vaccine. If you wish to receive the vaccine, we encourage you to get it as soon as it is made available to you. However, we ask that you notify your supervisor to let them know if you have received or declined the vaccination.

Your supervisor should then notify Employee Services through their COVID-19 reporting procedures.

Tracking the number of employees who have declined or received the vaccination, while not mandatory, will help us make more informed decisions on pandemic safety protocols as we move forward together.

As a reminder, decisions regarding distribution and the number of vaccines available to DOT employees are made by county health departments and outside of our control. This may result in counties making decisions that differ from one another.

KEEPING YOU INFORMED

As a reminder, if an employee tests positive for COVID-19, they will need to isolate for 10 days after onset of symptoms and must be fever free for at least 24 hours without use of fever-reducing medication before they can return to work. If the employee is asymptomatic, they will need to isolate for 10 days from the date they tested.

If a non-critical employee is required to isolate due to direct contact with a confirmed positive case, the employee's isolation:

- Can end after day 10 from their last exposure to the positive case without testing for COVID-19 and if they have not experienced any symptoms during this time.
- Can end after day 7 from last exposure to the positive case if the employee tests negative for COVID-19 and if they have not experienced any symptoms during this time. The employee must test on Day 5, Day 6 or Day 7, from the last exposure to the positive case and they must have the negative test results before they can return to work. Isolation cannot be discontinued earlier than after Day 7. The employee will need to provide documentation of their test result prior to returning to work.

If an employee will be caring for someone who is positive with COVID, or they cannot isolate from someone who is positive, then the employee will need to start his/her isolation after the 10th day from when the individual started exhibiting symptoms; if that date is unknown or the individual is asymptomatic, then the 10th day from the

date the individual was tested for COVID. This is because a positive COVID case is contagious for 10 days.

If you have questions regarding isolation guidelines you are encouraged to reach out to [Linda Anderson](#) or [Jenny Veale](#) in Employee Services.

As we move forward, we will continue to keep you informed on what the Iowa DOT is doing to respond. As a reminder, the best source of DOT specific pandemic related information is our COVID-19 websites available at iowadot.gov/covid-19 (outside the DOT network) or [dotnet/covid-19/](#) (inside the DOT network).

Stay safe in all you do!