

The graphic features the IOWADOT logo at the top left, followed by 'COVID -19' in large white letters. Below this, 'RESPONSE UPDATE' is written in white on a teal rectangular background. At the bottom, the phrase 'KEEPING YOU SAFE & INFORMED' is centered in white. The entire graphic is enclosed in 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: March 12, 2021

WHAT WE KNOW

Yesterday, there were 515 new positive cases of COVID-19 in the state. As of 12:30 p.m. today, 3.9% of those tested for COVID-19 in Iowa in the last 14 days have tested positive. That percentage drops to 3.8% in the last 7 days. A total of 1,031,062 doses of the vaccine have been administered. 366,371 full vaccine series have been completed.

You can find information regarding 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	0	61
District 2	0	30
District 3	0	40
District 4	0	27
District 5	0	33
District 6	2	42
Ames Complex	2	67
Motor Vehicle Division	2	35
Motor Vehicle Enforcement	1	14
TOTAL	7	349

The chart above is updated by 4 p.m. each day and can be found [online](#).

WHAT WE ARE DOING

Return to DOT facilities

We are continuing to monitor the situation and how it impacts our strategy for teleworking employees to return to DOT facilities, if they wish. Two major considerations for reoccupying the facilities is how many Iowans are being vaccinated and if there is an increase in cases following spring break. Therefore, no definitive plans will be made until we have the chance to assess positive case trends due to the break. If cases stay stable as they have recently, we will communicate about potential plans to return towards the end of April.

Please note that if you have been teleworking and have a need to come into a DOT facility you should discuss that need with your supervisor. Permission to work in facilities should be business decision of each division.

Vaccination reporting

If you wish to receive the vaccine, we encourage you to get it as soon as you are aware that you are eligible to receive a vaccination. As a reminder, please notify your supervisor to let them know if you have received the vaccine. Also, if you have had the opportunity to receive the vaccine but declined it, please let your supervisor know that as well. Your supervisor should pass this information to 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.

Information on vaccine availability, eligibility, or to find a provider visit vaccinate.iowa.gov.

KEEPING YOU INFORMED

A variety of employees have asked questions regarding vaccinations and travel. Therefore, we wanted to share a few of the most commonly asked questions and their answers.

How do I report time off when I am off to get the COVID vaccination?

Employees who are taking time off to get the COVID vaccination in Workday should use "Sick Leave (Related to COVID)" and enter "due to vaccination" in the comments. Use the same reporting, if you are need to take time off work due to side effects of the vaccine.

Do I need to isolate if I travel outside of the US?

Yes. Employees need to isolate if traveling outside of the US (not applicable to critical employees).

- Isolation can end after day 10 after returning to the United States and if no symptoms have been reported during daily monitoring.
- Isolation can end after day 7 after returning to the United States if the employee tests negative and if no symptoms were reported during daily monitoring. The employee must test on day 5, day 6, or day 7, and they

must have the negative test results before they can return to work. The isolation cannot be discontinued earlier than after day 7.

If I have received all doses of the COVID vaccination, do I still need to wear a mask?

Yes. Face masks or shields are required to be worn at all times unless you are isolated in an office or vehicle by yourself. This includes working outdoors.

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!