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COVID-19 — GOVERNOR'S PROCLAMATIONS — MAY 6, 2020

Proclamation of Disaster Emergency, May 6, 2020. Governor Reynolds proclaimed a State of Disaster Emergency on March 9, 2020, in response to the outbreak of COVID-19 following a national public health emergency declaration issued by the United States Department of Health and Human Services on January 31, 2020, and multiple individuals within the State of Iowa testing presumptive positive for COVID-19. The Governor issued an additional Proclamation of Disaster Emergency on March 17, 2020, establishing a State of Public Health Disaster Emergency.

On May 6, 2020, the Governor issued an additional [Proclamation of Disaster Emergency](#) which ordered the following measures to be effective May 8, 2020, until the end of the Public Health Disaster Emergency or unless otherwise stated:

- Dentists and staff may resume providing dental services so long as the guidelines issued by the Iowa Dental Board are followed, the dentist has adequate inventories of personal protective equipment (PPE), and the dentist has a plan to conserve PPE consistent with guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and Iowa Department of Public Health (IDPH).
- The following businesses may reopen as long as the businesses take reasonable steps to ensure social distancing, increase hygiene practices, and undertake other public health measures to reduce the risk of transmission of COVID-19 consistent with guidance issued by the IDPH:
 - Campgrounds
 - Drive-in movie theaters
 - Tanning facilities
 - Medical spas
- Social and fraternal clubs outside of Allamakee, Benton, Black Hawk, Bremer, Dallas, Des Moines, Dubuque, Fayette, Henry, Iowa, Jasper, Johnson, Linn, Louisa, Marshall, Muscatine, Polk, Poweshiek, Scott, Tama, Washington, and Woodbury counties shall remain closed except that a golf course clubhouse may be open to the extent necessary to facilitate use of the golf course, and social and fraternal clubs may reopen to food service under the following conditions:
 - Capacity is limited to 50.0% of the club's normal operating capacity.
 - Groups must be no larger than six people.
 - Each group must be seated at least six feet away from each other group.
 - Self-service options are prohibited.
 - Social distancing, increased hygiene practices, and other public health measures are followed.
- In Allamakee, Benton, Black Hawk, Bremer, Dallas, Des Moines, Dubuque, Fayette, Henry, Iowa, Jasper, Johnson, Linn, Louisa, Marshall, Muscatine, Polk, Poweshiek, Scott, Tama, Washington, and Woodbury counties, fitness centers, malls, and other retail establishments may reopen as long as they maintain social distancing measures and limit customers present to 50.0% of normal capacity. Malls must keep all common seating areas and play areas closed.
- Certain alcohol sale licenses set to expire during the duration of the State of Public Health Disaster Emergency shall not expire through the duration of this Proclamation and any future extension.

- Provisions of the Iowa Code prohibiting a school district from beginning the school calendar before August 23, 2020, are suspended for the 2020-2021 school year if districts submit a calendar to the Department of Education that ensures that any instructional time scheduled before August 23, 2020, is in excess of the minimum instructional time of 180 days or 1,080 hours.
- Provisions of the Iowa Code and Iowa Administrative Code pertaining to private educational instruction requiring face-to-face instruction and requiring and setting deadlines for annual assessments are temporarily suspended.
- Provisions of the Iowa Code and Iowa Administrative Code regarding academic eligibility are temporarily suspended so that all student athletes will be deemed to be academically eligible when school and athletic competitions resume.
- Provisions of the Iowa Code and Iowa Administrative Code requiring a certain number of days of ineligibility for interscholastic activities following a transfer are temporarily modified so that any day a school is closed shall be counted toward the minimum number of days of ineligibility.
- Provisions of the Iowa Code requiring a city or county to file with its county auditor a resolution prior to April 15 in order for the annual levy to begin with the tax levy for collection the following fiscal year are temporarily suspended, to the extent that the resolution is filed prior to May 27.
- Provisions of the Iowa Code and Iowa Administrative Code requiring an executive director or administrator of a county commission of veterans affairs to complete veterans staff certification training within one year of employment are temporarily suspended.
- Provisions of the Iowa Code and Iowa Administrative Code establishing examination deadlines as a condition of initial licensure for architects and real estate salespersons and brokers are temporarily suspended.
- Provisions of the Iowa Code and Iowa Administrative Code requiring certain licensees to file annual reports are temporarily suspended.
- Provisions of the Iowa Code and Iowa Administrative Code requiring the completion of background checks for initial applicants of certain professional licenses are temporarily suspended, with the requirement that the background check be completed following the expiration of this Proclamation and the appropriate action be taken as a result of that background check, up to and including revocation of licensure.

For additional information regarding the Proclamation of a State Disaster Emergency see the LSA's [Legal Background Briefing](#).

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