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### DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION — COVID-19 RESPONSE: APRIL 1, 2020

**Department of Transportation Response.** The following information provides a summary of actions taken by the Iowa Department of Transportation (DOT) in response to the COVID-19 emergency. Additional details are available via a [frequently-asked-questions](#) document provided by the Department.

- **DOT Facilities.** A number of facilities currently remain open. These include rest areas, garages, weigh scales, and administrative offices. The DOT has taken additional steps to clean and sanitize facilities including rest areas.
- **Driver's License Facilities.** Services are available via appointment. Walk-in customers will not be served. Prior to entering a facility, customers will be asked a series of questions to evaluate the risk that the customer may expose others to COVID-19. Priority will be given to individuals with essential service needs. These include commercial driver's licenses, chauffeur's licenses, and services related to events such as starting a new job, work-related requirements, financial business, school needs, obtaining benefits, or other legal-related purposes.
- **Driver's License Validity.** If a driver's license, including a commercial driver's license, expired January 16, 2020, or later, the license will remain valid at this time.
- **Registration.** For registrations due on January 31, 2020, or later, individuals are not required to renew at this time. Individuals who purchased a vehicle on February 17, 2020, or later will not be assessed a late penalty for a late registration. The DOT has also stated that the majority of county offices are currently closed to the public.
- **Weight Limits on Noninterstate Roads.** Trucks hauling food, medical supplies, cleaning products, or other household goods may exceed weight limits established in Iowa Code section [321.463](#) by 12.5% without a permit if the load does not exceed 20,000 pounds per axel.
- **Weight Limits on Interstate Roads.** Trucks hauling divisible loads of food, medical supplies, cleaning products, or other household goods may operate with a gross weight of over 80,000 pounds when operating under a special permit issued by the Iowa DOT. Permits for loads related to the public health disaster may be obtained for free.
- **Traffic Reports.** The Department is providing daily updates on [traffic volume](#) on the primary road system.

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