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COVID-19 — NANOVACCINE DEVELOPMENT

Governor Reynolds allocated \$2.0 million in federal <u>Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security</u> (<u>CARES</u>) <u>Act</u> funds, on October 29, 2020, for the development and testing of a COVID-19 nanovaccine through a partnership among Iowa State University (ISU), the University of Iowa (UI), and industry partners. These funds are intended to be used to transfer the lessons learned by the universities on influenza vaccines toward the creation of a safe, effective, and long-lasting mucosal vaccine against COVID-19. The <u>ISU Nanovaccine Institute</u> was established in 2013 for the development of nanovaccines and nanotherapeutics for respiratory infections, neural disorders, tropical diseases, cancer, aging, and veterinary diseases.

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