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COVID-19 — GOVERNOR'S PROCLAMATIONS — APRIL 16, 2020

Proclamation of Disaster Emergency, April 16, 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 April 16, 2020, the Governor issued an additional Proclamation of Disaster Emergency which declared that counties comprising Regional Medical Coordination Center Region 6, which include Allamakee, Benton, Black Hawk, Bremer, Buchanan, Clayton, Delaware, Dubuque, Fayette, Grundy, Howard, Jones, Linn, and Winneshiek counties, warrant additional measures to reduce the transmission of COVID-19. The following additional measures are to be in effect from April 16, 2020, at 11:59 p.m. until April 30, 2020, at 11:59 p.m. unless otherwise terminated or extended in writing by the Governor:

- Household protections:
 - All social, community, recreational, leisure, and sporting gatherings of any size with individuals who do not reside together are prohibited.
 - Weddings, funerals, and other spiritual or religious gatherings are allowed only if fewer than 10 people are physically present and all individuals present practice social distancing and remain at least six feet away from all individuals who do not reside together in the same household.
 - These restrictions do not apply to employment of volunteer activities.
- Employee and public protections:
 - All employers shall evaluate whether any of their employees not currently working remotely can reasonably do so and take reasonable steps to enable them to work from home.
 - All businesses and other employers remaining open with in-person operations shall take reasonable precautions to ensure the health of their employees and the public by initiating employee screenings, social distancing practices, and increased cleaning and hygiene practices.

The Iowa Department of Public Safety, Iowa Department of Public Health, Iowa Department of Education, Iowa Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management, Iowa Department of Transportation, and other participating State agencies are tasked with monitoring the implementation of these directives, and all peace officers of the State are tasked with enforcement of the provisions of the Proclamation.

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