

JASPER COUNTY

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Jasper County Health Department & Iowa Department of Public Health COVID-19 Reopening Guidance

Please consult your local public health agency, the appropriate regulating entity or professional association with questions about how to implement this guidance. In addition to following all directives of the Governor as outlined in [proclamations](#), entities considering reopening must adhere to the following public health guidance:

1. Follow CDC guidance related to [Cleaning and Disinfection for Community Facilities](#), including frequent cleaning and disinfecting of all high touch surfaces. Refer to the [CDC's Cleaning and Disinfection Tool](#) to determine which areas need cleaning versus disinfection.
2. Encourage and provide supplies to allow for frequent hand washing and hand sanitizing for employees and the public.
3. Provide reminders to employees and members of the public to stay at least 6 feet away from others when in the facility and mark six foot intervals when possible.
4. Post signage at the door indicating no one should enter the establishment if they currently have [symptoms](#) or have been around anyone with a confirmed COVID-19 diagnosis in the last 14 days.
5. If an employee or a member of the public becomes ill while at the facility, ask them leave the facility, call management and then call their health care provider.
 - a. If it is an emergency, call 911 and let them know the emergency may be COVID-19 related.
 - b. Every business should have a plan on how to handle COVID-19 within their facility, consult with departments, HR and your legal advisor to create a plan.
 - c. More information and guidance is provided on IDPH's website, the [CDC's Guidance for Businesses & Employers](#) and [OSHA Guidance on Preparing Workplaces for COVID-19](#).
 - d. For additional COVID-19 guidance or consultation for Iowa businesses, contact covid19business@iowa.gov.
6. Businesses should continue to follow [IDPH's business guidance](#) related to preventing, detecting and reporting outbreaks.

7. Members of the public and employees should consider the [use of cloth face coverings](#) (when practical) if staying at least 6 feet away from others is not possible.
8. Anyone who is [high risk](#) for more severe COVID-19 illness should continue to stay home.
9. Businesses should continue to follow [the CDC's guidance for businesses](#) and ensure return to work policies for employees with positive diagnoses are consistent with [CDC guidance regarding self-isolation](#).
 - a. It's strongly encouraged to screen employees when they come to work; find [IDPH's Screening Algorithm for Entrance](#).
 - b. Every business should have a plan for their facility as well as their employees, if individuals become ill with COVID-19 or are exposed to COVID-19, consult with HR and the company's legal department/representation to create policies.
10. Businesses should use [messaging](#) to remind employees of steps they should be taking to protect their own health while at work.
11. Businesses should also reach out to the Iowa Department of Public Health or the local public health department with questions at any time.

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More resources:

- Iowa Department of Public Health's [Reopening Guidance for Businesses that Provide Direct Services to Clients](#)
- Iowa Department of Inspections & Appeal's [COVID-19: Frequently-Asked Questions for Farmer's Market Operations](#)
- Iowa Department of Inspections & Appeal's [Guidance for Iowa Farmers Markets During COVID-19](#)
- Iowa Department of Inspections & Appeal's [Iowa Restaurant Reopening Criteria/Operation Restrictions during COVID-10](#)
- Iowa Department of Public Safety's State Fire Marshal [Guidance for Determining Occupant Capacity](#)
- Iowa Legal Aid [2020 Coronavirus Outbreak: What you need to know](#)
- Greater Des Moines Partnership's [COVID-19 Resource Hub](#)