

February 3, 2022

The State Public Health Disaster Emergency Proclamation will expire at 11:59 p.m. on Tuesday, February 15, 2022. For nearly two years, the proclamation waived specific provisions in Iowa code that allowed the state to shift resources to respond to the public health emergency. As such, the state publicly reported information that was more detailed and frequent than what the agency would typically produce. This allowed the state to respond and shift resources appropriately.

The expiration of the proclamation will result in operational changes related to the state's pandemic response. State agencies, including IDPH, will now manage COVID-19 as part of normal daily business and reallocate resources that have been fully dedicated to the response effort to serve other important needs for Iowans.

IDPH remains committed to doing the work we've always done around disease surveillance to protect the health of all Iowans. Moving forward we will continue to provide critical data to understand COVID-19 prevalence in Iowa.

#### **Changes in Published Data:**

- Both the [coronavirus.iowa.gov](https://coronavirus.iowa.gov) and [vaccinateiowa.gov](https://vaccinateiowa.gov) websites will be decommissioned.
- Weekly reports that include several COVID-19 data points will be published on the IDPH website beginning February 16, 2022.
- COVID-19 prevalence reporting will be available on the IDPH website.
- IDPH is no longer requiring Long Term Care facilities to notify the department when they have three or more infections in residents, therefore this will no longer be reported publicly by IDPH. Instead, IDPH will use CMS data to identify facilities with positive cases and will assist in infection control.
- The vaccine finder tool will no longer be available.

#### **Moving Forward the IDPH Website Will Include:**

- **Positive Cases**
  - Positive tests since March of 2020 (age/sex/race)
  - Deaths since March of 2020
  - Case by county
  - Positive tests in past 7 days
  - Epi Curve since March of 2020
  - Variant breakdown by week

- **Vaccine Data**

- Total series completed
- Booster completed
- County map
- Fully vaccinated (age/sex/race)

- **Links to Additional Data:**

- Downloadable data feeding website visualizations
- Hospital data is available through HHS
- Additional vaccination information is available through CDC

- **Public Health Work Continues**

- First data upload to website will be February 16, 2022
- Access to testing and vaccine remain unchanged.
- At this time, Test Iowa at Home will continue unchanged.
- IDPH will continue to monitor and report disease prevalence as outlined above.
- Vaccine and therapeutic allocations continue.