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Johnson County, Iowa, Surge in COVID-19 Cases

We have seen a dramatic increase of cases here locally in Johnson County, Iowa and would like to address the community on actions we can take together to lower transmission. Over the past four days we have seen a surge of cases reported to us, totaling over 300, and primarily in younger persons. We anticipate this trend to continue.

We want to remind the community that the state disaster proclamation remains in effect and that if large social gatherings “mass gatherings” are to occur, that physical distancing and other public health measures are required. The onus is on you.

Johnson County and other municipalities, in partnership have also implemented face covering regulations and we ask that each resident and visitor adhere to these laws to protect our community. Masks save lives.

If you are ill, please stay home. If you are a ‘close contact’ of a person, please stay home for the entire period of your quarantine, which is 14 days from exposure. This is the way you can protect your friends and family who may be more vulnerable. Your actions protect others.

Our staff are working 7 days a week to reach out to persons who test positive and their contacts to educate and inform these individuals on the next steps they can take to protect others. When we call, your assistance is greatly appreciated, we value your time, and your effort helps us stop transmission.

What we are seeing right now is that our actions have consequences. Community health and safety is everyone’s responsibility. Lapses in that responsibility, even by a few, affect all of us. This virus transmits easily and quickly and without the proper precautions in place, one can innocently transmit this to someone else.

A community where all can achieve optimal health

Over the past several months, our community has risen to the occasion to keep transmission low and we know we have to continue this resolve throughout the entirety of this pandemic.

Sincerely,



Dave Koch,
Director