

The state of Iowa is still under a public health disaster emergency. Based on an increase in the number of coronavirus cases and hospitalization rates, on Thursday, April 16, 2020, Iowa Governor Kim Reynolds added new measures to protect residents, workers and the public in Iowa Region 6. Region 6 includes the following counties: Allamakee, Benton, Black Hawk, Bremer, Buchanan, Clayton, Delaware, Dubuque, Fayette, Grundy, Howard, Jones, Linn, and Winneshiek.

The Governor's proclamation (or order) is effective at 11:59 pm on April 16, 2020, and will continue until 11:59 p.m. on April 30, 2020.

Household Protection

For the counties in Region 6, Governor Reynolds banned social gatherings. All social, community, recreational, leisure, and sporting gatherings are banned except for people who live in the same household. Limited exceptions will be made for weddings, funerals, and other spiritual or religious gatherings which are limited to 10 people or less. People are to remain six feet away from people outside their household whenever possible. This order applies to people present in Region 6 counties whether or not they live in these counties.

Employers that are physically located in Region 6 counties are to make reasonable efforts to allow workers to work from home. If that is not possible, employers are to use reasonable precautions to protect the health of employees and the public if work has to be done in person. The precautions include employee screening, social distancing, and cleaning and hygiene practices.

The Governor's April 16 order does not mean that additional businesses should close or face enforcement action unless there is another order from the Iowa Department of Public Health.

Employee and Public Protection

Various state agencies will monitor and implement the Governor's order to protect the public's health and safety. Peace officers will assist in enforcing the Governor's order.