

## **Summary of Governor Kim Reynolds' Proclamation April 24, 2020**

On April 24, 2020, Iowa Governor Kim Reynolds signed a new proclamation that continues the state's public health emergency. The proclamation has some important changes that begin at 5:00 a.m. on April 27, 2020. These changes are for the whole state of Iowa.

The proclamation allows some elective surgeries to be done and allows farmers markets to open if they follow important health guidelines.

### **Nonessential or Elective Surgeries and Procedures**

The changes for healthcare mean that if your doctor believes you need an essential surgery or procedure that cannot wait, the surgery may only be done if the hospital or other healthcare provider has enough personal protective equipment and follows important requirements to continue to treat patients with COVID-19.

### **Farmers Markets**

The changes for farmers markets mean that farmers markets may open and sell food and farm products. Farmers markets cannot sell other items, and they cannot include entertainment, contests or other activities. The vendors should set up to at least six-feet apart and help maintain social distancing for customers.

### **Farm Product Auctions**

Other changes allow farm product auctions that only include food animals to operate as long as 25 people or less are present. People who remain inside parked cars don't count.

All Iowans should continue to practice recommendations for hand washing and social distancing. We should also continue all other business and organizational closures currently in place. Governor Reynolds will announce more changes next week.