



Dear Campus Community,

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Earlier tonight [Tuesday, November 16, 2020], Governor Reynolds hosted a press conference regarding the increasing virus spread in Iowa. She shared that over the last two weeks, there have been over 52,000 new cases of COVID-19 in Iowa, and this is creating a situation for our healthcare system that is not sustainable. Based on this information, Governor Reynolds issued additional enhanced public health measures that are effective midnight tonight until Thursday, December 10, at 11:59 p.m. They include:

Masks Required in All Indoor Spaces Open to the Public and State Buildings

- Masks are required when individuals are within 6 feet of each other for 15 minutes or longer.

Gathering Restrictions for Social, Community, Recreational, or Leisure Gatherings

*This does not include classroom learning.

- No more than 15 people may gather indoors, and no more than 30 people outdoors
- Groups are limited to 8 people, with the exception of households larger than 8
- Individuals must wear masks except when eating and drinking
- These restrictions apply to wedding receptions, family gatherings, conventions, or other non-essential gatherings but do not apply to gatherings that occur during ordinary course of business or government

Sports and Recreation Events

- Youth and Adult group sporting and recreation gatherings are prohibited except for high school, college, and professional sports
- Individual sporting and recreation activities are not prohibited

Restaurants and Bars: Restaurant or bar, including a wedding reception venue, winery, brewery, distillery, country club, or other social or fraternal club

- Closed to in-person services at 10:00 p.m.
- No bar seating is permitted
- Masks required when not seated (while playing games, dancing, etc.)
- Six feet distancing between groups
- Groups limited to 8 people unless larger group is all same household
- Individuals must be seated when eating or drinking and limit congregating

Fitness Centers: fitness centers, health clubs, health spas, and gyms

- Group fitness activities are prohibited (this is not a change for our fitness center – we are not currently offering group activities)
- Loras athletic teams will continue to train following NCAA guidelines, which were developed with approval from the CDC

Closer/Prolonged Contact Establishments: Bowling alleys, pool halls, bingo halls, arcades, indoor playgrounds, children’s play centers

- Closed to in-person services at 10:00 p.m.
- Masks are required when not seated to eat or drink
- Ensure that groups and individuals are six feet apart at establishment
- Groups limited to eight people unless larger group is all same household

A recording of Governor Reynold’s statement can be viewed at:
<https://www.facebook.com/IAGovernor/videos/2638166659826679>.

Please note that all COVID-19 related college policies, procedures, and mitigation strategies remain in effect at this time. This information can be found at:
<https://lorasedu.sharepoint.com/Academics/COVIDDashboard/SitePages/Home.aspx>

Thank you,
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