

Good afternoon Grand View Campus,

We wanted to share with you Iowa Department of Public Health & Polk County Health Department's Coronavirus (COVID19) situation update.

Polk County Health Department is offering guidance focusing on containment of this virus and recommends preparatory planning due to the possibility of a pandemic. Polk County Health Department states, "The 2019 Novel Coronavirus is increasingly in news reports as the situation continues to rapidly evolve globally in China and a growing number of other countries. Cases in Italy, Iran, and South Korea are concerning and have sparked speculation about whether this epidemic may become a pandemic. The overall risk to Iowans remains low at this time."

Twelve people as of 2/27/2020 in Iowa are being monitored for the virus by the Iowa Department of Public Health, but none have displayed symptoms. No one in Iowa has tested positive for the virus.

For daily updates go to <https://idph.iowa.gov/Emerging-Health-Issues/Novel-Coronavirus>.

Health officials are reminding people to cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue/elbow, wash their hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds,

and stay home if they feel sick.

Symptoms of COVID-19 include a fever, cough and shortness of breath. The symptoms may appear in as a few as two days or as long as 14 days after exposure.

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