

Summary: As we transition to COVID-19 pandemic recovery, IDPH is implementing changes to our response and reporting efforts. The federal government and several other states are reducing reporting frequency. Beginning July 1, the state will further focus COVID-19 case investigation on outbreaks and vulnerable settings like long term cares and end routine COVID-19 case investigation calls for all positive reports. Test Iowa clinics and drive thru sites will cease operations by July 16. These changes will impact several of the datasets and pages on the coronavirus.iowa.gov website (detailed below). IDPH also plans to change the frequency of data uploads to the website beginning July 7. By late summer, we also plan to transition to reporting on IDPH website and decommission and archive coronavirus.iowa.gov. COVID-19 reporting will transition to a format similar to our flu report. Should it be necessary, we stand ready to reinstate operations to meet the needs of Iowans.

Routine Case Investigation

- Transition to outbreaks and vulnerable populations only at the State level on July 1.
- County public health may continue some of this work at the local level and at their discretion.
- Case investigation application will remain in place in DOMO.
- All positive and negative COVID-19 results are still required to be reported to public health.
- IDPH will continue to require reporting of outbreaks (3 or more resident cases in a facility) and provide support to Long Term Care facilities who have COVID-19 cases and outbreaks.
- IDPH will continue to monitor reports and virus activity and follow-up to investigate clusters when needed.
- IDPH will continue to provide 24/7 on-call support for public health, clinical providers and the public who have questions about COVID-19 or other public health concerns.

Website Changes

- Long Term Care page will be removed, and historical data archived.
- Number of Long Term Care with a reportable outbreak each week will be listed on the main page.
- Serology page will be removed from the live site, and historical data archived.
- Occupation data will be removed from the live site, and historical data archived.
- Test Iowa Assessment page will be removed from the live site, and historical data archived.
- Underlying condition data will be removed from the live site, but archived.
- All positive and negative test results will continue to be reported along with age, gender, race, ethnicity and county of residence as received to public health.

Upload Frequency Change

- Transition to updates weekly (on Wednesday), beginning July 7.
- We currently update the site several times a day.
- Iowa is one of few states that still updates on a daily basis, many states have reduced reporting frequency.
- CDC has gone to Monday-Friday frequency.

Pages Remaining on website

- Positive Case Analysis
- Deaths
- Vaccine Administration and Allocation data
- Hospital/RMCC Info