



Cedar County COVID-19 Newsletter April 24, 2020

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UPDATE FROM THE AUDITOR'S OFFICE:

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Auditor Dauber has relocated the Absentee Voting location from the Auditor's Office in the courthouse to the building located at 501 Lynn Street.

Absentee Voting starts on May 4th. Hours will be 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. - Monday to Friday and on Saturday, May 30th from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Please call the office, 563-886-3168, if you have any questions.



UPDATE FROM CEDAR COUNTY CONSERVATION:

ALL CAMPGROUNDS AND PLAY AREAS ARE CLOSED IN THE COUNTY PARKS, ALTHOUGH GREEN SPACES AND TRAILS REMAIN OPEN - SOCIAL DISTANCING 6' SHOULD BE OBSERVED.



OPERATIONAL UPDATE FOR THE CEDAR COUNTY TRANSFER STATION

**** This update applies to rural residents only! Proof of residency required. ****

A temporary solution has been found for those rural residents that depend on refuse services from the Cedar County Transfer Station.

On Tuesdays and Thursdays, rural Cedar County residents may dispose of household waste between 8:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. (noon) on the grounds of the Cedar County Transfer Station. A container will be available during these hours on the northeast side of the property and residents can dispose of household waste. Rural residents that have recyclable items that would typically go to a recycling center can bring these items to the refuse container, however these items will be transferred to the landfill. All refuse **MUST** be in trash bags; no loose items will be accepted. Again, this service is only for those **rural** Cedar County residents residing outside of a city's boundary limits.

Please note that only household refuse will be accepted. Larger items, appliances, construction debris, shingles and other such items are not available for this service. This service will continue as needed during the COVID-19 public health emergency.

The Transfer Station will continue to accept waste from contractors with established accounts, commercial haulers and local municipalities.

For specific questions on this service, please call the Transfer Station at 563-886-6437.

COUNTY OFFICE INFORMATION DURING THE OUTBREAK:

Out of an abundance of caution and in response to COVID-19 and public health concerns, the majority of Cedar County offices are closed to the public, except for the Clerk of Court. Employees will still be reporting to work, but public contact is being limited to mitigate the spread of the COVID-19 virus. It is our intent to continue essential public services. If you have questions, you may contact the corresponding offices during regular working hours. Please note that this list is subject to change at any time, without notice.

- Assessor – 563-886-6413
- Attorney – 563-886-6646
- Auditor – 563-886-3168
- Case Management/Community Services/General Assistance – 563-886-1726
- Adult Probation Officer – 563-886-3349
- Engineer – 563-886-6102
- Environmental Health and Zoning – 563-886-2248
- GIS – 563-331-9022
- Public Health – 563-886-2226
- Recorder – 563-886-2230
- Treasurer – 563-886-2557
- Veteran's Affairs - 563-886-2170
- Emergency Management – 563-886-3355
- Conservation – 563-886-6930
- Sheriff – 563-886-2121
- Solid Waste/Transfer Station – **CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC.** Only commercial waste, municipal solid waste and waste from contractors with an established charge account will be allowed.

NOTE: There is a drop box for election-related items, driver's license, vehicle registration, property tax, and other Courthouse related materials. This drop box located directly inside the south east entrance door, and is available Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.



We know that these are trying times for everyone. The following resources are available for Cedar County residents:

REPORT ABUSE

Child Abuse – If you suspect a child under the age of 18 is being abused or neglected:

1. If you believe that the child is in imminent danger, CALL 911 immediately
2. Call the Abuse Hotline at 1-800-362-2178, available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.
 - Be ready to provide identifying information and the whereabouts of the child
 - Unless you are a mandatory reporter, you may remain anonymous.

Dependent Abuse – Call the Abuse Hotline at 1-800-362-2178, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

YOUR LIFE IOWA - If you or a loved one are facing a problem with alcohol, drugs, gambling, mental health or suicidal thoughts, you're not alone. That is why the Iowa Department of Public Health has created YourLifelowa.org so Iowans can chat live, text, or call and get reliable information and treatment options, and find nearby help.

- Call: 855.581.8111
- Text: 855.895.8398

CEDAR COUNTY GENERAL ASSISTANCE

There are three kinds of assistance in Cedar County

- ▶ Emergency assistance for needy persons:
- ▶ Assistance for poor persons,
- ▶ Assistance for an extended nature.

Food boxes may be available.

For more information, call 563-886-1726

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE INTERVENTION PROGRAM

Domestic Violence Intervention Program

1105 S. Gilbert Court

Iowa City, Ia. 52240

24/hr. Crisis Line: 1-800-373-1043

Website: <https://dvipiowa.org>

Email address: dvip@dviopiowa.org

DISASTER DISTRESS HELPLINE – Provides immediate crisis counseling for people who are experiencing emotional distress related to any disaster, natural or man-made. 1-800-985-5990

IOWA LEGAL AID - Individuals with questions of a legal nature can call the COVID-19 Legal Information Hotline at 1-800-332-0419.

IOWA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT - Iowans who may qualify for unemployment due to COVID-19 or under the CARES Act can find information by calling: 1-866-239-0843

COMMUNITY ACTION OF EASTERN IOWA: Do you need help with food, utility bill assistance, crisis assistance, disaster assistance, or other help? Contact Community Action of Eastern Iowa at 563-324-3236

CHILD CARE COMPLAINT HOTLINE

If you have concerns regarding a specific child care provider or child care business that is not meeting Iowa regulations, call the Iowa Child Care Complaint Hotline at 1-844-786-1296

EASTERN IOWA MENTAL HEALTH AND DISABILITY SERVICES – It's OK to ask for help!!

- 24-Hour Mobile Crisis Outreach & 24-Hour Crisis Line 1-844-430-0375
- 24 Hour Life Connections Peer Respite Support Line 1-516-688-7484
- MCSA Peer Line and Virtual Groups. Open 8am-5pm M-F 563-200-2742
- Life Connections Peer Line and Virtual Groups. M, T, Th, F: 5pm-10pm, Sat-Sun 12pm-5pm 563-357-6352
- Vera French Peer Drop In- 8am-4pm M-F 563-322-5276
- 24 Hour Crisis Stabilization Residential 563-396-3017

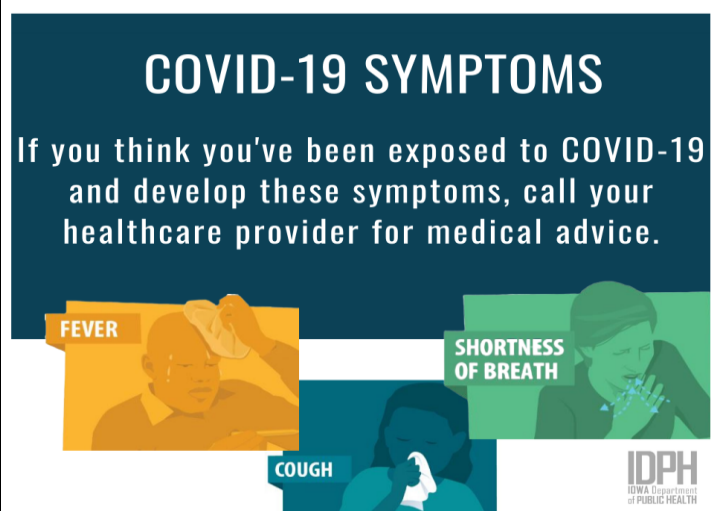
DURANT COMMUNITY – Food boxes available by calling 563-785-6831

FACING FOOD INSECURITY? The HACAP Food Reservoir Mobile Food Pantry can be reached at 319-393-7811 ext. 1089. The Mobile Food Pantries will be in the following Cedar County communities in May:

May 1, 2020 3:30pm – 4:30pm
Tipton UMC, 607 Lynn Street

May 12, 2020 3:00pm – 4:00pm
Bennett Ambulance Service Building; 145 Main Street

May 19, 2020 3:30pm – 4:30pm
West Branch Fire Department, 105 s 2nd Street



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