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Additional Mitigation Strategies for Jones County Related to COVID-19

Jones County, Iowa- On April 16, 2020, Governor Kim Reynolds issued additional mitigation strategies related to COVID-19 for Northeast Iowa or Region 6, which includes Jones County. Region 6 has reached the threshold level where new steps need to be taken.

In accordance with the directive, there will be absolutely **NO gatherings for social, community, recreational and leisure purposes** except those immediate family members who live in your home all the time. This is order takes effect April 16, 2020 at 11:59 PM and will continue through April 30, 2020.

If you need to go out for essential items such as grocery items or pharmaceuticals, you are strongly encouraged to wear a mask. Designate only ONE member of your family to the store, and limit frequency of trips outside the home. Maintain a 6-foot physical (social) distance when you do have to leave your home. Lastly, practice good hand hygiene and wash your hands often. If you are experiencing any degree of illness, stay home and isolate yourself from household members.

The full proclamation can be read at [https://governor.iowa.gov](https://governor.iowa.gov).

For up-to-date information on COVID-19, visit the IDPH webpage at [https://idph.iowa.gov/Emerging-Health-Issues/Novel-Coronavirus](https://idph.iowa.gov/Emerging-Health-Issues/Novel-Coronavirus) and follow the department on Facebook at @IowaDepartmentOfPublicHealth and on Twitter at @IAPublicHealth. In addition, a public hotline is available 24/7 by calling 2-1-1 or 1-800-244-7431.

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