

IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY

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Dear Iowa State Community,

Iowa State University will help implement the state's COVID-19 vaccination strategy when the first doses of the vaccine arrive this month.

State of Iowa's vaccination plan. The [Iowa Department of Public Health \(IDPH\) has outlined a phased approach](#) for vaccine distribution. An initial limited supply of vaccines is expected to reach Iowa in the coming weeks and will go first to health care workers and long-term care facilities.

On-campus vaccinations. ISU's Public Health and Emergency Operations Teams are working closely with state and local partners to prepare for subsequent phases of vaccine distribution, including a comprehensive vaccination plan for the general public once supply is more widely available. ISU has secured ultra-low temperature freezer space to store the vaccine and Thielen Student Health Center has been authorized to administer the vaccine on campus to students, faculty, and staff. The vaccine is currently approved only for adults 18 and older.

10-day quarantine. IDPH has announced changes that shorten the time required for quarantine. Iowa State is implementing the new 10-day quarantine protocol. This applies to asymptomatic individuals who've had close contact with a positive COVID-19 case, defined as within 6 feet for 15 consecutive minutes or more and face coverings were not correctly and consistently worn the entire time. Additional CDC recommendations are being reviewed and any additional changes in practices will be forthcoming.

On-campus testing still available. On-campus testing has moved to Thielen Student Health Center (TSHC) for the winter. Students, faculty, and staff who have symptoms or had close contact with a positive case can schedule an [appointment online](#) at TSHC and must complete the [pre-test questionnaire](#). The testing plan for spring semester is under development and more information will be shared as it's available.

Face coverings required. Remember face coverings are required on campus and they must cover your mouth and nose. Please continue to follow this and the other Cyclones Care behaviors – physical distancing, wash your hands, and stay home if you're sick. It is important that everyone remain diligent.

COVID-19 Response website. Iowa State's [COVID-19 Response website](#) is the central source for frequent updates and details on university operations, student life, personal health, Cyclones Care, and academics and learning. Please bookmark this site and check it regularly. It also includes links to [ISU's COVID-19 Testing page](#), updated each Monday, and the [daily public health data](#), updated three times a week.

Thank you for doing your part to support health and wellness and show that Cyclones care for our community.

Sincerely,

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