



Plan ahead for spring turkey in light of COVID-19

If you are a spring turkey hunter, the DNR encourages you to plan ahead and **get your hunting license and turkey tag at least 7-10 days** in advance so tags have time to arrive in the mail before the season begins.

The rapidly evolving situation with COVID-19 is causing many retailers to change hours or how they do business, including those that sell hunting and fishing licenses. Consider buying [online](#) or visiting a retailer sooner rather than later. Don't wait until the last minute if you want to have your tags on time.

For youth season hunters: Youth season is April 10-12. Remember, if the youth does not fill their tag during the youth season, they may use it during the four remaining spring seasons until filled. The key is to purchase the youth season tag before season closes on April 12 because once the season is over, the tags can no longer be purchased.

When you purchase [online](#), your hunting license will be available immediately for download. Tags are mailed to the address on your record and will arrive in 7-10 business days. Thanks for planning ahead!

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Stay safe during Iowa's spring turkey seasons

Protecting yourself during the COVID-19 national pandemic starts with following the guidance from state and national health experts – maintain at least six feet between each other, wash your hands with soap for 20 seconds, cover your cough, stay home if you feel sick and avoid groups of 10 or more people. These are unprecedented times and personal health and safety takes top priority.

Iowa's spring turkey seasons begin with the youth-only season April 10-12, followed by the first general season April 13-16, second season April 17-21, third season April 22-28 and fourth season April 29-May 17. There is also the archery only season April 13-May 17. Hunters buying their tags online will need to plan accordingly and do it early.

Spending time in Iowa's wild places this spring hunting turkeys is possible. The key is to follow the safety advice from health experts.