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Greetings and thank you for signing up for this legislative update.

The Iowa Department of Public Health looks forward to sharing information with you during the 2020 legislative session.

In this edition, you'll find resources on the opening days of session, as well as some quick tips and tools to help you in tracking what's happening over the next several months.

Here's to a productive 2020 legislative session that continues moving our state in a healthy direction!



Condition of the State & Governor's Budget

Gov. Kim Reynolds will deliver the Condition of the State address on Tuesday, Jan. 14, 2020. The speech will be available [at the governor's webpage](#).

The governor's proposed budget will also be posted [at the Department of Management website](#).

Opening Day Remarks

Below you can find links to House and Senate leadership opening day remarks that were delivered on Jan. 13, 2020.

[Senate President Charles Schneider](#)

[Senate Majority Leader Jack Whitver](#)

[Senate Minority Leader Janet Petersen](#)

[House Speaker Pat Grassley](#)

[House Majority Leader Matt Windschitl](#)

[House Speaker Pro Tem John Wills](#)

Pre-Session Update to the State Board of Health

Please find a pre-session legislative update that IDPH presented to the State Board of Health on Jan. 8, 2020, [here](#).

This update goes over basic department information and interesting facts about the work done by IDPH and its partners. It also provides a brief overview of some of the major pieces of legislation in 2019 that impacted the department, and includes IDPH's policy proposal for this year. That proposal - to strengthen the Smokefree Air Act - would expand the definition of smoking to include vapor products. The [bill draft is available here](#).

Tips and Tools



Find daily activities, track bills and see committee action, schedules and more at this link: <https://www.legis.iowa.gov>

You can find [new bills posted here each day](#).

If you want to build your own library of bills, [check out the many bill tracking tools here](#) at the Legislative Services Agency website and create a bill watch.

You can find budget information, fiscal notes and [other publications by topic at this link](#).

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