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## COVID-19 Guidance for Iowa Libraries



### Governor Orders Iowa Libraries Closed Through April 30

Today, Gov. Reynolds signed a new proclamation continuing the State Public Health Emergency Declaration, ordering additional closures and relaxing additional regulations to support the state's efforts to combat COVID-19.

**The new order now includes libraries on the list of required closures. Libraries that have not closed yet must now do so by 8:00 a.m. tomorrow, April 7 and remain closed until Thursday, April 30.**

We know you probably have questions on how this directive might change the current situation at your library. State Librarian Michael Scott has reached out to the Governor's office for further guidance on whether staff can continue to report and if drive up services for the public can still be offered. We will send out a follow up with what we hear back.

[Read the Press Release and Proclamation](#)

### PreK-12 Online Learning Resources from the Department of Education

The Iowa Department of Education released a host of resources for families and educators to use as they support student learning during school closures due to COVID-19. The resources are available on the Iowa Department of Education's website at the link below and include interactive games, virtual field trips, coding activities and e-books.



The learning resources for students in prekindergarten through 12th grade do not replace what they have learned at school, but instead help students practice or enrich the skills and strategies taught by their teachers.

“While they do not replace classroom learning, these resources are a great way for families, caregivers and educators to continue to engage students in their learning at home,” said Iowa Department of Education Director Ann Lebo. “I am grateful to our partners who came together to provide the content to make this resource page possible.”

The Iowa Department of Education partnered with AEA Learning Online, the Governor’s STEM Advisory Council, Iowa PBS and the Iowa Reading Research Center to provide a variety of resources. The resources cover multiple subject areas, such as literacy, computer science, fine arts and career and technical education. The resources also address mental health and emotional well-being.

## PreK-12 Online Learning Resources

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