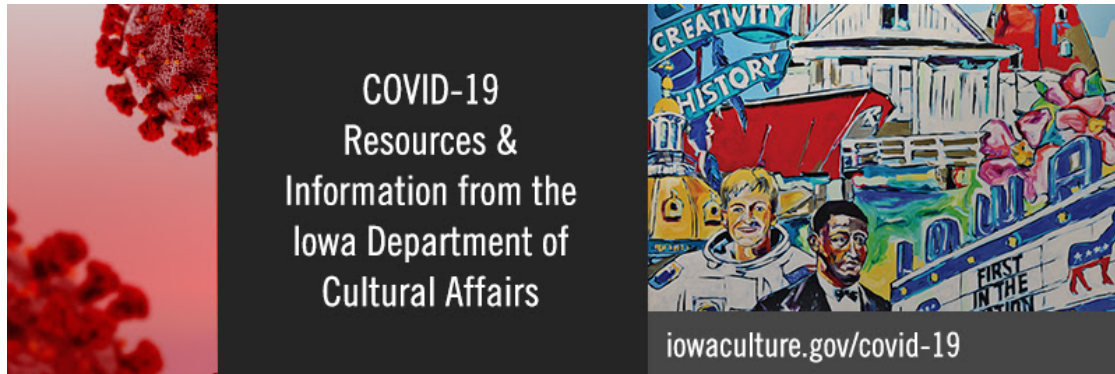


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We talk a lot about community here at the Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs, and this week I have to tell you: I've been so impressed by the extraordinary ways, large and small, that Iowa artists, musicians, filmmakers and nonprofit leaders are tackling these uncertain times together – as a community.

Iowans are helping each other find resources, reaching out through new technology, and sharing inspiration with virtual tours and livestreaming concerts on social media. I've seen so many examples of grit, grace and determination even in the current swirl of worries and doubts.

As we do most Fridays, my team and I have rounded up a few pointers we hope you'll find useful, including:

- [The U.S. Small Business Administration's relief options](#), plus the [Iowa chapter's guidance](#) about Economic Injury Disaster Loans. Additionally, the [Iowa Economic Development Authority's resources](#) can help businesses of all sizes.
- [Iowa Workforce Development's latest updates](#) about unemployment claims and the Paycheck Protection Program.
- [An Americans for the Arts survey](#), which collects data and stories about how the coronavirus is affecting artists, creative businesses and cultural nonprofits. The Iowa Arts Council is working with AFTA to use this survey information to help guide state and federal relief and recovery efforts. Please [take the survey](#) as soon as you get a chance.
- [Our evolving list of coronavirus-related resources](#), organized specifically for Iowa's creative entrepreneurs and cultural nonprofits. And don't forget: We've extended the deadline for our [cultural grants](#) to June 1.

As always, feel free to [contact our staff](#) with any questions or concerns. We're here to help.

Take care,

Chris Kramer
Director

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