Social Distancing

- Iowa Department of Public Health (IDPH) conducted a webinar on March 3rd in which they discussed the concept of “Social Distancing” to mitigate the spread of the virus. They also said that businesses should be prepared if the IDPH should make these recommendations.

- This graphic provides their explanation:

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What does social distancing really mean?

The plan is not to simply restrict everyone to their homes

Social Distancing Examples:
- Potentially cancelling K12 schools and college classes
- Advising cancellation of events and large meetings
- Recommending cancelling or limiting non-essential travel
- Encouraging people to work from home if possible
- Avoid gathering together in lunchrooms and other areas
- Maintain a distance of 6 feet away if possible
- For business that provides services, for example restaurants- consider expanding carryout services and if you seating people have them spaced out
- Customer service- frequent use of hand sanitizer, not recommending mask use, maintaining distance when possible
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