



Catch Des Moines shares the global concerns over the Coronavirus impact experienced by many in the travel and tourism industry, and we hope efforts to prevent the spread of the virus gain traction soon.

While experts are saying to be prudent and practice best-health recommendations that are similar to the prevention of the seasonal flu, public health authorities are not saying there should be restrictions on business or leisure travel anywhere in the United States. There is no official guidance that travel plans in the U.S. should be curtailed or cancelled.

We are currently hosting visitors from across the state, region and country. There have been no cancellations or postponements of large events coming to Greater Des Moines. We have received minimal requests for either postponing or rescheduling a few events.

We understand this is a rapidly evolving situation, and we will continue to monitor trusted sources, including our local and State health departments along with other local and State government entities. See information and resources below.

We will remain in close contact with groups visiting Greater Des Moines in the coming months and will keep you informed of changes to travel recommendations.

**Information and resources:**

- Polk County Health Department: [2019 Novel Coronavirus \(COVID-19\)](#)
- Iowa Department of Public Health: [Novel Coronavirus \(COVID-19\)](#)
- Center for Disease Control: [Coronavirus Disease 2019 \(COVID-19\) Situation Summary](#) and [Travel Notices](#)
- World Health Organization: [Coronavirus disease \(COVID-19\) outbreak](#)
- U.S. Travel Association: [Emergency Preparedness and Response: Coronavirus \(COVID-19\)](#)
- Destinations International: [COVID-19 \(Coronavirus\) Travel Industry Resource Page](#)