

Siouxland District Health Department (SDHD) is the public health agency for Woodbury County. [Public health](#) promotes and protects the health of people and the communities where they live, learn, work, and play by trying to prevent people from getting sick or injured. Public health also promotes wellness by encouraging healthy behaviors.

SDHD's mission statement: **"Leading a collaborative effort to build a healthier community through improved access to health services, education and disease prevention."**

Vision statement: **"A Healthy Community for All".** SDHD

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## CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) UPDATE

**April 7, 2020**

Woodbury County Testing Data	
Total Confirmed Positive Cases	9
Total Negative Tests	322
Total Tests	331
Percent of Tests Positive	3%
Percent of Tests Negative	97%

The table above reflects numbers that have been reported to SDHD from the State lab and from private testing labs. It includes only completed tests - pending tests are NOT included.

These are the tests that have been completed on Woodbury County residents only. Many of the tests completed at medical facilities located in Woodbury County are for residents of other counties that come here for medical care, but those numbers are not reflected here.

**Iowa Cases:** Iowa Department of Public Health is updating number of cases regularly on their website. [View a map on their site for number of cases by county.](#)

[VIEW MORE INFO ON OUR COVID-19 PAGE](#)

**Includes:** Links to video updates, CDC and IDPH pages, general info, and much more!

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**Siouxland District Health Department**

**Services During COVID-19 Disaster Declaration**

The public health of our community is of great importance to Siouxland District Health Department, so SDHD is striving to maintain a high level of service while doing our best to keep our staff and the community safe. SDHD employees continue to report to work and provide services; however, many of our services have been modified or suspended during the state public health disaster declaration.

**Our doors remain open at this time, but anyone entering the building is screened at the door and the number of people allowed in for a single appointment is limited. Many services are only available by appointment; please see below for further information about specific services.**

**WIC**

WIC remains open for all services and are accepting new clients.

Appointments are required - no walk-ins accepted. To schedule an appointment call 712-279-6636.

Clients are encouraged to complete their appointments over the phone or via telehealth.

People coming in to the building for services will be screened at the door. Visits are limited to only those having the appointment, or in the case of children, only one adult with them.

We encourage those with questions to call 712-279-6636.

## Clinic Services

In addition to screening individuals at our main entrance we have reorganized the way we provide services to clients.

**Immunization services:** To limit the spread of COVID-19 we have adjusted our clinic services to limit the number of individuals in our waiting room. We will continue to schedule appointments for childhood immunizations. However, we have reduced the number of appointments we are offering and will be prioritizing these appointments for individuals that need them most.

**Adult travel immunization services:** We strongly discourage unnecessary long-distance travel during this time. However, we will honor requests for adult immunizations on a case-by-case

basis.

**Tuberculosis services:** We will continue to provide TB skin tests and we will schedule tests and return visits by appointment only.

We will continue to provide health maintenance services and treatment for tuberculosis but we are reducing the number of visits and increasing the amount of medications we dispense and/or help set up to reduce clinic visits. Our goal is to maintain the health of our community while reducing the potential spread of COVID-19 to our clients and staff.

## **HOPES Program**

Home visits are still being conducted.

Home visitation workers will be calling their families prior to each visit and screening them to determine if a home visit will be conducted in the home or virtually. This will be on a case by case basis.

## **Maternal Child Adolescent Health programs**

**I-Smile:** Not providing direct oral health services, including oral health screenings and sealants. I-Smile continues to provide help finding services for clients.

We are providing all services over the phone and in person after screening. This includes Hawk-I and Medicaid presumptive eligibility applications and Maternal Health.

### **Personal Care/Homemaker Services**

Services are continuing to be provided. Each offered service is being prioritized at this time and there are some limitations. We will continue to evaluate the needs of our clients day to day and case by case. Our goal is to keep everyone safe and well.

### **Laboratory Services**

**Water testing:** We are still performing water testing for public and private samples. This includes pools and spas. Currently no restrictions on water testing services.

**STD exams and treatments:** By appointment only

**Lead testing:** By appointment only

**DNA testing:** By appointment only

People must schedule an appointment. We are not providing walk in services for STD services, lead testing, and DNA appointments.

## Environmental Health, Permits, and Inspections

**Private well water sampling** collection is currently suspended. Special circumstances will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

**Food and lodging establishment licenses:** Food license renewal can be completed online at <https://iowa.usasafeinspect.com/>

License applications are also available on our website at <http://www.siouxlanddistricthealth.org/component/content/article/4-a-z-search/220-retail-food-establishments.html?directory=87>  
. These can be completed and mailed in along with the appropriate license fee.

Please call 712-234-3906 with questions about completing a food or lodging application.

**Well and septic system permitting:** License applications and other forms and information are available on our website at [http://www.siouxlanddistricthealth.org/forms/cat\\_view/12-private-well-a-septic-system-applications.html](http://www.siouxlanddistricthealth.org/forms/cat_view/12-private-well-a-septic-system-applications.html)  
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**Siouxland District Board of Health Vacancy** Siouxland District Board of Health currently has one vacancy. This position is an appointed position by the Woodbury County Board of Supervisors for a term of three years. Meetings are held the first Wednesday of the month beginning at 12:00 Noon. Interested individuals should complete the

[application](#)

and submit to the Woodbury County Supervisors Board Office as indicated on the application

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## Move Your Way Campaign<sup>SM</sup>

Siouxland District Health Department has been selected as one of eight communities from across the nation, to pilot the [Move Your Way Campaign](#) SM over the next nine months. The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services created the Move Your Way campaign to promote the second edition of the Physical Activity Guidelines for Americans. It aims to help people understand how much physical activity they need to be healthy and how to fit it into their daily lives.

The campaign has videos, fact sheets, posters, and interactive tools in English and Spanish that are free and easy to use and distribute. These materials promote friendly, practical key messages, like “lots of things count as physical activity” and “it all adds up!”

For more information on our Move Your Way campaign efforts, [click here](#) .

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**Proposed Regulation: Requirements for Tanning Facilities in Woodbury County** □ The Siouxland District Board of Health conducted the first reading of the Regulation 23-3 Minimum Requirements for Tanning Facilities in Woodbury County on January 8, 2020. The next reading for public comment will be held on February 5, 2020 at 12 Noon. Follow this [link](#) to access a copy of this proposed regulation.

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