



Governor Pete Ricketts

Growing Nebraska for the Next Generation

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Teammates,

Happy St. Patrick's Day! As of now, Nebraska currently has 21 known cases of the coronavirus, or COVID-19. Nebraska State Government is taking all necessary precautions to safeguard against the spread of the virus.

Many of you have questions regarding the continued operations of state government during this time and I want to assure you that we will continue to be open and serve our citizens. During a time like this, it is key that we continue to provide essential services to the people of Nebraska. Each department has been reviewing their Continuity of Operations plan and developing contingency strategies, such as remote work options, that allow us to continue to deliver essential services to our customers.

We care about your health and that of our customers and are encouraging our State teammates to take the necessary precautions to prevent the spread of the virus. These include:

- Avoiding close contact with those who are sick.

- Avoiding touching your eyes, nose and mouth.
- Washing hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. Singing “Happy Birthday” twice actually works.

Those teammates that are sick or noticing symptoms, we ask that you please stay home and notify your supervisor. Symptoms of the coronavirus include:

- Fever, cough and shortness of breath.
- And may appear between 2-14 days after exposure.

If you believe you have been exposed to the coronavirus, we ask that you stay home and strongly encourage you to contact your local public health department and follow their instructions.

We understand that you may have many questions regarding leave time, health care benefits, and so forth. Answers to these questions and many others can be found on our Coronavirus Teammate Resources section on the Teammate Landing Page. If you have any further questions, please contact your supervisor or HR leader.

For further information on the coronavirus, please visit the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services’ [webpage here](#). For updates, make sure to follow DHHS’ as well as my Twitter and Facebook accounts.

Thank you to all of our teammates who are continuing to work hard to provide these essential services to the citizens of Nebraska. Your work is vital during a time like this and greatly appreciated. Nebraska is the best place in the world because of our people. People like you who are going above and beyond to serve Nebraskans.

God bless you and God bless the great State of Nebraska.

Sincerely,

Pete Ricketts

Governor of Nebraska