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**For Immediate Release**

**COVID-19**

Poweshiek County Emergency Management continues to work with local community partners in response to COVID-19. Currently, we have 4 confirmed cases of the virus in Poweshiek County. Three of these patients are in the age category of 61-80, and one patient is in the 81 and older category.

Poweshiek County and its communities continue to follow guidance from the Iowa Department of Public Health (IDPH), the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and abide by the Governor's Public Health Emergency Disaster Declaration and Proclamation. The following have taken additional steps to help prevent the spread of COVID-19 and reinforce social distancing by implementing the closures below:

Grinnell-Newburg Schools: Playground equipment is closed for use. Open green space use still permitted for independent or small groups (less than 10 people).

Montezuma School District: Playground equipment is closed for use. Open green space use is still permitted for independent or small groups (less than 10 people)

City of Grinnell: Parks and equipment are still open; however, equipment is not sanitized and proper social distancing and hygiene guidelines should be followed. It is encouraged to use open green space independently or in small groups (less than 10 people)

City of Brooklyn: Landes Park is closed for use

City of Malcom: City Park is closed for use

City of Montezuma: City Park is closed for use

**END STATEMENT**