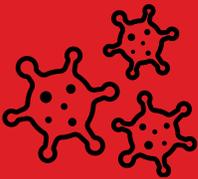


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## IOWA COMMUNITY COLLEGES STEP UP



The COVID pandemic hit Iowa's Community Colleges hard. Amid enrollment losses and changing circumstances, Iowa's Community Colleges stepped up to support student success, continue to meet business needs, and help communities respond and recover. Your continued investment in Community College infrastructure and funding helps us make a difference.



## Supporting Students

Throughout the pandemic, Iowa's Community Colleges have continued to meet students where they are, offering in-person courses for those who need and want it and pivoting to virtual for those who need to be at home.

- Set up robust COVID protocols, tracking, and contact tracing to prevent spread and keep students and employees informed.
- Delivered technology into the hands of students who lacked the resources to access classes online.
- Made "care calls" and set up help lines for students and their families to share their needs and get connected to resources.
- Leveraged technology to offer students options for advising, counseling, and other key services.
- Providing emergency grants to students for food, housing, childcare, and transportation, leveraging federal relief funding and private donations.



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# Supporting Businesses & Communities

- Providing free services to help small business owners and non-profits navigating assistance programs.
- Providing training to re-skill or up-skill those who lost their jobs in the pandemic.
- Providing free services to help individuals navigate mental health and other services.
- Colleges with 3-D printers produced facemask shields to local emergency and fire services.
- One college converted its on-campus recreational facility into a rehabilitation services center for area hospitals and clinics for physical and speech therapy for stroke and cardiac patients.
- Another opened its residence halls to medical staff working with COVID-19 patients so that they had a place to stay to prevent exposure to their families by going home.
- A third college set up its residence halls to serve as a surge site for non-COVID-19 patients.
- Several colleges are serving as COVID-19 testing sites.
- Providing workshops for businesses on safety protocols.
- Several colleges serve as backup locations when local utility companies need to separate their staff and equipment.
- Staff and students donated Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and other supplies to local emergency management agencies and medical organizations.
- Several colleges are now serving as sites for COVID vaccine distribution.

