



# Business Leadership Network



College of Public Health

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Dear Business Leadership Network members,

Throughout Iowa, our nation, and the world, individuals and businesses are working to adapt to the extraordinary challenges brought on by COVID-19. This rapidly developing public health crisis has had wide-ranging impacts for communities everywhere. In the midst of these dramatic disruptions, we hope that each of you, along with your families and loved ones, are staying safe, healthy, and well.



As you continue to respond to COVID-19, I hope you will consider the University of Iowa College of Public Health and the Business Leadership Network a resource for information and mutual support.

The college has [compiled resources on our website that highlight research and efforts by our faculty, students, and alumni](#) in response to the COVID-19 outbreak that may be helpful to you. There are also resources for coping during this stressful time.

Take care, stay well, and please keep in touch to let us know how you are doing.

- Edith Parker, Dean

## 2020 Community Grant Recipients

The UI College of Public Health's Business Leadership Network awarded five grants for 2020 through the Community Grant Project. The following organizations received cash grant awards of up to \$3,000:

- BIO Girls – Davis County, Bloomfield
- Community Foundation of Greater Muscatine, Muscatine
- Live Well Montgomery County, Red Oak
- Northeast Iowa Wellness and Recreation Center, Postville
- UnityPoint Health – Trinity, Bettendorf



[Read more about the 2020 grant recipients and the BLN Community Grant Project](#)

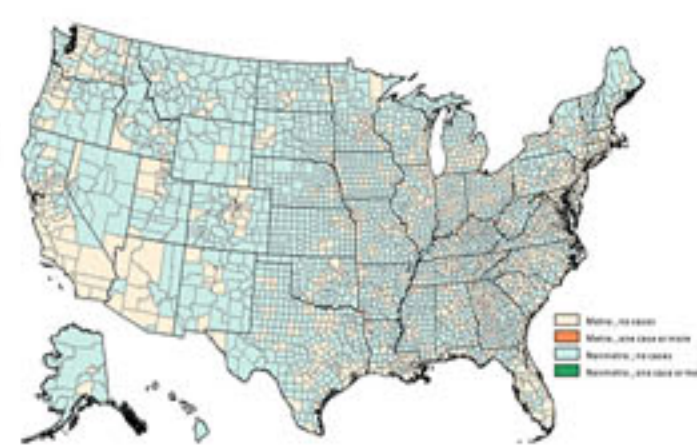
## Stopping COVID-19 in the Workplace

CPH professor Renee Anthony discusses [airborne contaminants in the workplace](#) and how occupational safety and industrial hygiene are relevant to the ongoing novel coronavirus pandemic.



## RUPRI Map Shows Rural COVID-19 Spread

While much of the COVID-19 focus has been on major metropolitan areas, rural areas of the United States are not free of exposure. The RUPRI Center for Rural Health Policy Analysis has created an [animated map that shows a progression of cases](#) throughout the country from January 22 to present. Additional information can be found on the [RUPRI website](#).



## Program helps older folks prepare



Associate Professor of Community and Behavioral Health Sato Ashida's Disaster PrepWise program has created two [factsheets with COVID-19 health tips and resources for older adults](#), one specific to Iowa, and one with a national focus.

## Student- Podcast addresses COVID-19

"From the Front Row: Student Voices in Public Health" is a CPH student-led podcast that recently produced a four-part coronavirus series. The podcast was just recognized in MPH Online's roundup of the 30 Best Public Health Podcasts for 2020. [Listen to the podcast.](#)



## The UI College of Public Health in the News

### Study finds most high school e-cigarette users report other substance use

A new study has found that nearly all U.S. high school students who use e-cigarettes also use other substances, including alcohol, cannabis, and tobacco products.

### Staying ahead of the opioid epidemic in Iowa

A new report from the University of Iowa Injury Prevention Research Center highlights the top five recommendations to reduce overdose deaths in Iowa.

### Research shows link between pesticides, heart disease deaths

A new study suggests that people who have higher levels of a chemical in their body that indicates exposure to commonly used insecticides, die of cardiovascular disease at a significantly higher rate.

### Iowa selected for national project to improve ovarian cancer care

The Iowa Cancer Registry, based in the UI College of Public Health, is a partner on a new CDC project called "Implementing Health Systems and Environmental Changes to Improve Ovarian Cancer Care."

### Rural Restaurant Healthy Options Program highlighted

The Rural Restaurant Healthy Options Program initiated by the UI Prevention Research Center for Rural Health was recently showcased as a sustainable rural health program.



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