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Good morning. Attached is the 10.18.20 White House report, and some items from the department below:

The weekly report from the White House reflects the previous week of COVID-19 data. The State of Iowa has already taken a number of steps to manage virus activity, many of which align with recommendations in the White House report:

- Stronger communication and outreach to community leaders in affected areas, including public health officials, school superintendents and pastors to provide information, reinforce public health measures and offer assistance.
- Stronger communication and outreach to health care organizations and providers in affected areas and statewide to ensure resource capacity and offer assistance.
- Strengthened the enforcement of public health measures, including social distancing, is in effect for bars and restaurants statewide.

Continued expansion of Iowa's robust testing strategy:

- As the report notes, Iowa continues to exceed the national average in PCR tests per 100,000 people.
- The Test Iowa program will encompass 28 testing sites statewide, and support college testing at more than 20 higher education institutions.
- The state has already begun distributing BinaxNOW antigen tests provided by the federal government to hospitals and medical clinics in rural areas.
- The State Hygienic Lab is expanding capacity to process more than 10,000 COVID-19 tests per day.

Sincerely,
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