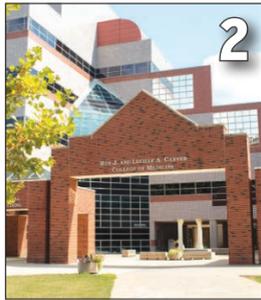


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JD Reive reflects on the University of Iowa men's gymnastics program, saying while the news of the sport discontinuing is upsetting, they're ready for one last season.



**Iowa City Community School District to prohibit fans at games**

The Iowa City school district announced Thursday that it will prohibit spectators at all district-sponsored activities and sporting events held on district campuses until further notice. The announcement came after the state approved the school district to transition instruction all online due to rising positive coronavirus cases in Johnson County.



This restriction will affect Iowa City High's Thursday volleyball games against Johnston and Marion and two football games on Friday night. City High football is set to host Davenport Central on Friday and Liberty High will host Iowa City West. Prior to this announcement the district had capacity limits for athletic events. Athletes and coaches were provided three tickets for outdoor events and indoor athletic events capacity would have been limited to 50 percent of the venue's capacity.



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## Iowa City schools allowed to start class completely remote

The Iowa Department of Education is now allowing the Iowa City Community School District to hold classes 100 percent online after the original request was denied.

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After Johnson County experienced a surge in COVID-19 cases, the state granted permission to the Iowa City Community School District to move to all-virtual classroom instruction after initially denying the district's initial request for all-online schooling.

Interim Superintendent Matt Degner sent an email to families on Thursday, saying the district petitioned the

state government on Wednesday to begin the year 100 percent online. The request was granted Wednesday evening.

The decision comes after more than 300 positive cases of COVID-19 over a four-day period were reported in Johnson County, as previously reported by The Daily Iowan. On Wednesday, Johnson County Public Health sent a message to the Iowa Department of Education and the Iowa Department of Public Health in support of the ICCSD

request to move to remote learning.

On Aug. 6, the Iowa Department of Education denied a request from the school district to move to remote learning. ICCSD filed a lawsuit on Aug. 19 against the state, saying Gov. Kim Reynolds violated her responsibility to protect the health and welfare of citizens.

According to an email from Degner, ICCSD has not decided what changes they will make to the start of the school year. The Board of Directors will hold a

special board meeting this Saturday to make the decision to continue the hybrid model or move completely online.

Degner said this decision will change the district's start date for students to return to instruction. ICCSD plans to begin classes on Sept. 8.

"We have been preparing for this possibility, recognizing the extremely fluid nature of this situation," Degner said in an email. "The health of our students and staff remains the driving force in our decision-making."

## Johnson County bars close

Gov. Kim Reynolds announced that bars will be required to close in six Iowa counties where case counts are high, including counties home to Iowa's major universities.



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Bars in six Iowa counties, including Johnson County, were required to close Thursday, after a sharp increase in COVID-19 among 19-24 year-olds.

In a Thursday press conference, Iowa Gov. Kim Reyn-

olds said young adults, especially those on college campuses, are driving much of the spread of COVID-19.

"Much of the spread that we're seeing in Iowa continues to be tied back to young adults — even a smaller subset of the age 19-24. The data is compelling," Reynold said. "When you look at the data in the last two weeks, 23 percent of all positive cases were among ages 19 to 24."

Bars, taverns, breweries and nightclubs were required to close by 5 p.m. Thursday in Black Hawk, Dallas, Johnson, Linn, Polk and Story counties. Restaurants that serve alcohol will be allowed to remain open, but must stop serving alcohol at 10 p.m. An establishment can be consid-

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## UI graduate students embark on an unknown teaching experience

As the University of Iowa continues in-person and online classes, many graduate students are in limbo, saying they are putting themselves at risk to teach undergraduate students and attain their degrees.



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Graduate student Carter Cook studies for his online classes in his apartment. He only has one in-person discussion this semester.

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As graduate students embark on masters and doctoral programs during the pandemic, their education is looking a lot different, especially when it comes to learning to be a teaching assistant.

After moving classes online in March with the rest of the university, Graduate College Dean John Keller said the college has focused on helping its students remain successful while staying safe.

Keller said the university opened up more virtual opportuni-

ties for students and supported them from a distance by moving their dissertation defenses online.

"When you defend your thesis or dissertation, a committee examines you," he said. "And when we moved that online, the vast majority of students and faculty members really enjoyed that mechanism of examination, and we are trying to maintain a digital option in the future... It also allows more people to participate, such as other faculty, colleagues, and even family members."

The University of Iowa Graduate College held its first online

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## Open Air Media Festival to illuminate Iowa City

In its first year, Public Space One will light up Iowa City this weekend with a free series of video projections created by local media artists.

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Over the weekend, the walls of buildings throughout Iowa City will become canvases for projected artwork.

Public Space One's very first Open Air Media Festival will light up different areas of the city from 8:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. on Friday and Saturday. The free, bike-friendly event invites viewers to walk up, drive up, and follow along as video projections created by local artists are displayed at various locations throughout the night. Masks and social distancing will be required.

Zen Cohen, the event's curator, participated in similar projects in California. She brought the idea with her when she moved to Iowa City with her partner two years ago.

As a video artist, assistant professor of media arts at Coe College, and new member of the PS1 board, Cohen said she saw the project as a chance to bring people back together

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Flagger, John Houserman directs traffic away from construction on North Gilbert St on Thursday. Due to the summer season coming to a close, Iowa City is trying to finish what construction and repaving it can before its winter hiatus.

# Carver College of Medicine celebrates 150 in midst of pandemic

Carver College of Medicine celebrates 150 years this September.

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One hundred fifty years ago, the UI Carver College of Medicine opened to become the first medical school in the U.S. to admit both men and women into its program.

September marks the 150th anniversary of the Carver College of Medicine. While the rise in COVID-19 cases in Johnson County prevents an in-person celebration this year, the celebration continues online and through the faculty.

In the late 19th century, any sort of medical schooling was seen as the equivalent of trade school to the people at that time, said Associate Vice President for Research Francois Abboud.

It was not until 1910 when Abraham Flexner, an agent of the Carnegie Foundation, put out his report about the state of medical schools around the country. The Carver College of Medicine, Abboud said, and many others like it, started to focus more on the scientific aspect of medicine.

"That was very critical, because Flexner came to Iowa in

1909 and looked at those schools and concluded that they should not continue to be a very good school," Abboud said. "The standards were not high enough for admission and graduation, and he predicted that, of course. We proved him wrong over the century, of course."

Medical research entered into a "Golden Age" a few decades after the Flexner report, he said. Abboud arrived in the 1960s when there had been an expansion in health services and technology surrounding social programs such as Medicare that had been put into place by former U.S. President Lyndon Johnson.

With the expansion of medical knowledge and services, the Carver College of Medicine began to grow, Abboud said, with many of its staff recognized as leaders nationwide. In all this time, Abboud said he has stayed at the UI and watched it grow.

"The whole environment of the college and the university was dialing everybody to fulfillment of goals, an escalation of opportunities to be productive," he said. "So, the spirit that was generated, the Iowa cohesive

spirit, supportive environment that just as effective any place else."

Dean of the Carver College of Medicine Brooks Jackson was the chair of pathology at Johns Hopkins University, and later the dean of the University of Minnesota medical school before arriving at Iowa.

Despite COVID-19, the college throughout its history has never shut down, keeping its roughly 17,000 workers moving throughout the pandemic, Jackson said. While practices such as elective surgeries were unavailable throughout some the past six months, they are once again operating at full capacity, he said.

"We have shifted a lot of our research effort to COVID research, because it is such a high priority ... not just locally, but for the nation in the world, and we really do have the experts in this area to make a difference," Jackson said.

Manager of Alumni and Constituent Engagement Jayme Crawford is a part of the UI Health care marketing communication team. In her 12 years at the UI, she said she stays at

the university for the amazing things she sees the staff and students perform at the Carver College of Medicine.



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Pictured is the Roy J. And Lucille A. Carver College of Medicine on Thursday. The University of Iowa celebrates

"This celebration has really shown me how as an enterprise we've transitioned throughout

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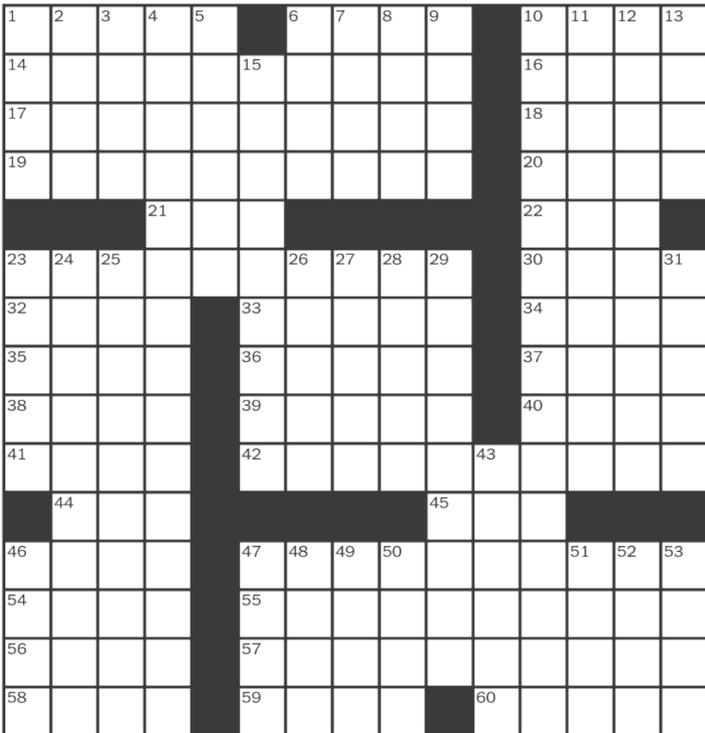
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**Across**

- 1 Rock in which fossils can be found
- 6 Pub purchase
- 10 Property of a subatomic particle
- 14 Character of Apple products
- 16 Common ingredient in a poke bowl
- 17 Off-roadable
- 18 Southern university named for its town
- 19 Final challenge of a video game level
- 20 Edison's middle name
- 21 Place for a nursery rhyme trio
- 22 G.I. grub
- 23 Listing in an arcade

- 30 First name of the only fictional character in Time's list of the 100 Most Important People of the Century
- 32 Mine, in Montréal
- 33 NSFW
- 34 "\_\_\_ victory!"
- 35 Cry from a successful hacker
- 36 Ish
- 37 Similar (to)
- 38 Leader memorialized by the Stone of Hope statue near the National Mall
- 39 Perfume compound

- 40 A lot of volume?
- 41 Often-counterfeited boots
- 42 Stock character?
- 44 National park sights, for short
- 45 Pasta name suffix
- 46 Free money?
- 47 Wrestling hold
- 54 "The Bell of \_\_\_" (Longfellow poem)
- 55 Showing things as they really are
- 56 Heavy metal
- 57 Compressed storage media
- 58 Hang around
- 59 Rely (on)
- 60 Regales

**Down**

- 1 Piece of concrete
- 2 Prefix with -gram
- 3 They have boring jobs
- 4 Looks the other way
- 5 Greek personification of darkness
- 6 Auditor's hope
- 7 Attends
- 8 Author Gaiman of the "Sandman" series
- 9 Point on a buck
- 10 Cartoon referenced in the Walt Disney Animation Studios logo
- 11 Flex one's authority over
- 12 Trying to untie?
- 13 Family nickname
- 15 Maryland specialty
- 23 Bit of poetry with the same syllable count as this very clue
- 24 Resettled, in a way
- 25 Blowing up online
- 26 Wordsworth, e.g.
- 27 Total
- 28 Venerable sort
- 29 Admire, as a lover's eyes
- 31 Salon product
- 43 Singular event
- 46 It became a province of Indonesia in 1958
- 47 Web developer's code
- 48 Racer Luyendyk
- 49 \_\_\_ Brasi ("The Godfather" role)
- 50 Nonflowering plant
- 51 What might block a channel
- 52 "You want a piece \_\_\_?"
- 53 Jonathan Van \_\_\_, member of the "Queer Eye" cast

**JUMBLE**

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME  
by David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

My sculpture's interactive program will answer any questions about Alaska. It even has Bluetooth.

Wow! That's high-tech!

Show me Juneau.

THE HIGH-TECH SCULPTURE OF ALASKA WAS

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

**SUDOKU**

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	5				3
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## BARS

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ered a restaurant if less than half its gross proceeds go toward alcohol. The proclamation is set to last until Sept. 20 at 11:59 p.m.

Reynolds said 69 percent of new cases in Johnson County over the past week have been among 19 to 24-year-olds.

"An increase in community spread, regardless of how it occurs, puts older adults and people with underlying health conditions at greater risk," Reynolds said. "It is imperative we take immediate steps to slow the spread among young adults in our state."

Reynolds said Iowans hosting social gatherings of more than 10 people must ensure those attending maintain 10

feet of social distancing, and that her proclamation would encourage every Iowan over the age of 2 to wear a face covering.

Reynolds' announcement comes after University of Iowa President Bruce Harreld sent a letter to Iowa City businesses asking them to comply with a previous proclamation requiring patrons in bars to keep six feet of distance, and that they should be seated rather than congregating.

Reynolds said she spoke with the presidents of Iowa's three regent universities on Sunday.

UI President Bruce Harreld released a statement Monday afternoon commending Reynolds' decision.

"I would like to thank Governor Kim Reynolds for her recent action regarding bars and gatherings larger than 10

people," Harreld said in the statement. "Without those actions I was very concerned about the rise in cases and the upcoming weekend."

The UI also released stricter enforcement guidelines for off-campus behavior. In a mass email to students, the UI wrote that all student engagement efforts and registered student organization activities will be moved to a virtual format beginning immediately.

According to the email, participation in any activity at an off-campus location that includes ten or more people and doesn't follow the governor's social-distancing requirements would be a violation of the Code of Student Life.

"These gatherings, when reported to the university, may result in disciplinary action consistent with the risky

nature of the behavior," the email stated.

Dave Moore, the Chief Operations Officer of Iowa City's Big Grove Brewery, said the restaurant and brewery sits above the 50 percent revenue requirement, so will be allowed to stay open.

"We felt pretty confident right away that it wasn't going to affect us. Now, it's going to affect our customers — we've got plenty of customers we sell beer to," he said.

Big Grove will not be able to sell alcohol after 10:00pm, but

Moore said the brewery does not see much of a late night crowd.

"We are aware that there are people who are not adhering to the proclamation. I think there is an avenue for that, to find those bad actors," Moore said. "We don't want to be shut down. If everything keeps going the way it is, there could be another shutdown."

For some members of the Iowa City community, just closing the bars isn't enough. City Councilor Janice Weiner called for the UI to move com-

pletely online and on Twitter on Thursday. In an interview with "The Daily Iowan", she said more action needs to be taken right now than just closing the bars in Iowa City.

"There's a reason our numbers are so high," she said. "We needed to be able to act earlier than we did. We needed to start weeks ago, which state leadership was not willing to do... It seems to me, based on the [COVID-19] numbers, that preventing the social interaction at bars is not going to be enough at this point."

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safely through art while supporting the local art community who have lost opportunities due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

"I really have a desire to create more art opportunities for local artists here, and not just art opportunities, but also ways for artists to get paid. That's really important for me," Cohen said.

While the event itself is free, contributing artists will be paid thanks to a \$2,000 grant from the Iowa City Public Art Program.

Throughout the night, four site-specific locations and two "mobile sites" will feature the video art of local artists by projecting onto walls, through windows, and into alleys. Simultaneously, the sounds of the project will be aired by KRUI on 89.7 FM.

Cohen said she hopes to use the project to "activate" the local community.

"We walk down these streets of our neighborhoods, we live in this town, and sometimes we don't notice these spaces that we walk through, they become sort of our everyday. And so what happens when we walk down the street and all of a sudden there's a projector there, there's a moving image?" she said. "That space becomes activated, it becomes enlivened."

KRUI Producing Director Jake Jones will also be one of the artists featured at the festival. A third year MFA student in intermedia within the school of Art and Art History at the University of Iowa, Jones' will feature two

works, The Word for Wisconsin is Wetlands and Wrestling Moves.

"The Word for Wisconsin is Wetlands" is experimental in nature. It is made up of abstract video footage taken on a camping trip they took with their partner over the summer in the Badger State's northern marshes.

"I didn't even know there were wetlands in Wisconsin," Jones said. "But we were looking for a place that wouldn't be too far and we managed to find this beautiful, pretty much isolated, lake. This little campsite — right on these wetlands — and it was absolutely beautiful."

For Daniel Fine, an assistant professor in the UI Theater Department, the Open Air Media Festival meant an opportunity to continue creating digital art after he and his wife Dana Keaton's residency was canceled because of the coronavirus.

"It seemed like a perfect fit," he said. "We had the interest and then sort of were working on some ideas about doing a piece and also have access to equipment. So here we are. We're happy to be part of it."

Fine and Keaton's project will use a total of three projectors to produce their piece, Impermanence, which will feature live mandala-making, projection-mapping, and live video performance in a short 20-minute finale for the event.

"I think that this is a really great opportunity for PSI in the local art scene and town," Fine said. This is a great public art project. It's a nice way for audiences who haven't been able to congregate traditionally as we do in venues and see performing

arts to have an art gallery or a theater outside."

Cohen said she hopes the project continues to expand in future years.

"I'm just excited. This is the first year we're doing this and I'm just excited to see how it's going to grow, so we can maybe, two to five years from now, we can have 50 projections happening throughout the street over a week or a weekend or a month or something," she said.

Cohen added that she'd like to expand the project in other ways as well, too, to make it accessible to more communities beyond the Northside.

"I think what I would like to see happen in the future is that we have artists in community teams that are working in collaboration with each other, so that we're able to create immersive, site-specific media installations in many neighborhoods throughout the Iowa City area, so it's not fully cloistered to the Northside just downtown," she said. "But so that other neighborhoods are engaged and have an opportunity to participate as well as create media to be projected and experienced in their own neighborhood."

For artists like Fine, sharing art through digital media can be magical.

"More things are possible through the use of video and technology," he said. "I mean, it makes things more complicated and certainly not necessarily obvious, but it opens up the possibilities of imagination to be transported to other worlds or other points of view kind of instantaneously. I think it's about magic possibilities."

## GRADUATE

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orientation on Aug. 19. Lisa Kelly, coordinator for the Center for Research, Teaching, and Learning, said more students attended than in previous years and there will still be opportunities to meet students who are in their graduate programs.

"We did virtually the same thing we would have done face-to-face, we just flipped it online," she said. "All of the campus resources we have for graduate students are still available and open... We're trying to pivot as things change and try to meet the demands and needs of graduate students."

Kelly has been working with teaching assistants in the chemistry department to ensure the safety of graduate and undergraduate students. While many graduate students are concerned about students not complying with masking and social-distancing mandates, she believes they are well prepared to handle such situations.

Some graduate students, however, still feel extremely unprepared. Nicole States is a Ph.D. candidate in the chemistry department and started her third year this fall. In an email to "The Daily Iowan", she said she's disappointed with how the Graduate College is handling the pandemic.

"When we transitioned in the spring, it was impossible to get support," States said. "[The chemistry] program told us that if we were to get sick, we would lose pay because we only have five days of paid sick leave. They threw us into teaching online without guidance."

She also mentioned the stress that lack of guidance has put on her.

"I have a very tiny apartment because that is what my salary allows, and I had to teach from a coffee table on a tiny laptop," the student said. "I was expected to keep the same workload up while

being trapped in my small space without proper equipment to work on all day."

States said she had no idea what her program's plans were for several months during her comprehensive exams later in the spring semester. She said she believes the university focused on ensuring a sense of security for undergraduate students while neglecting the graduate students who assisted in teaching classes.

Dan Stanfield, a second-year Ph.D. candidate in communications studies, said the experience was jarring. He said his plans for the future have to completely change because of the current state of the economy — something his advisor is working on with him.

"When I started my program, I wanted to be a tenured professor at an academic institution doing research, that was my entire career goal," he said. "Now, I'm having to keep a lot of other options open."

He went on to talk about the insecurity around finding a job after completing school.

"I have to try and figure out ways to market myself in ways that I didn't think I would have to. My advisor has been working with us on finding ways to make a job market search successful. I've had some distrust in the university's [help] because of its overall response right now to [COVID-19]."

Stanfield said his and other graduate students' wariness toward the UI has been consistent since it first went online. He said the current pandemic and the UI's plan is unsettling and puts many teaching assistants and other students at risk.

Regardless of individual programs, Kelly said both graduate students — as well as undergraduate courses with teaching assistants — need to have grace as the Graduate College continues to develop safer ways to instruct and learn.

"I think having patience and good will about things will make everything easier," she said. "The

TA's could be doing this for the first time. We're all new at this. Give a little bit of patience and work with the TA. It's more important than ever for students to speak up if they are experiencing difficulties so we can change things and do better in every sense."

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# Opinions

## COLUMN

### Be responsible as COVID cases spike

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In case you weren't aware, we are still in this pandemic. Why does it feel like I am stating the obvious? It's because this past week, some students returning to campus for the fall semester have treated the virus as a joke.

On Aug. 24, the start of classes, students received an email from University of Iowa President Bruce Harreld that 107 students and four employees tested positive for COVID-19 in the past week. Out of the 107, 19 residence hall students are quarantining and eight are in self-isolation.

This spike in cases is largely due to the fact that students are not wearing their masks, social distancing, and decide

to go out to parties and Iowa City bars.

For the past week, my Instagram and Snapchat feed has been filled with my fellow peers posting pictures of nights out in Iowa City whether it is at Summit or a house party with crowds of people.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, this virus is mostly spread from person to person, and the highest risk in regards to gatherings is "where it is difficult to remain six feet apart and attendees from outside the local area."

These guidelines prove why going to the bars and parties is only going to increase the spread. To put it very bluntly, students who are choosing to ignore the guidelines and continue to go out are acting selfish and irresponsible.

On Thursday, Gov. Kim Reynolds issued a proclamation which ordered all bars, taverns, breweries, and nightclubs to close by 5 p.m. This proclamation covers six counties, including our own Johnson County as well as Sto-

“To put it very bluntly, students who are choosing to ignore the guidelines and continue to go out are acting selfish and irresponsible.”

ry County, where Iowa State University is located.

Reynolds said during a Thursday press conference that nearly seven in 10 new cases in our county over the past week have been among 19- to 24-year-olds.

While Iowa City bars are

closed for now, students must take this as a warning and begin acting responsibly.

I hear many of my peers claiming that they refuse to live in fear and giving out statistics describing a low mortality rate to justify their actions.

Here's the thing; this virus is not about you. By choosing to go out, you are choosing to put other people's lives at risk, whether it's your family, professors, roommates, or the Iowa City community.

You might be fine if you catch this virus, however

there's a chance that you will spread it to someone who is elderly or with a compromised immune system that could result in hospitalization or even death. In a news article released by the *Iowa City Press-Citizen*, the seven-day positivity rate shot up from 7.53 percent to 19.52 percent as of Aug. 24.

How can we eliminate this virus when people are making decisions that contribute to an increase in numbers?

Iowa City Mayor Bruce Teague decided on July 21 to require all citizens to wear a mask out in public through Sept. 15. Downtown Iowa City is filled with signs that say "face covering required" because there's no guarantee people are able to stay six feet apart on the bustling streets. However, I still see people

either not wearing their mask or wearing it the wrong way (it goes over your nose). This is the bare minimum of precautions that we should all be doing to keep the community safe, yet some people refuse to make the right choice.

While there is an understanding of frustration and wish to go back to normal, we are never going to reach that point unless we all do our part. Wear your mask, stop going out to parties, wash your hands, and social distance.

The choices that all of us are making don't only affect us, but the community and people around us.

It's not fair that irresponsible choices some people are making put others' lives at risk and force them to pay the price for your night out.

## COLUMN

With the cuts to USPS efficiency, relying on it for mail-in voting is questionable.

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Earlier this month, President Trump admitted in an interview with Fox Business that he was denying funding to the United States Postal Service in order to disrupt mail-in ballots for the November election.

With the current problems facing the USPS, voters need to ensure they are prepared to vote in case they are not voting in-person.

The slowdowns to the USPS are from a variety of fronts. The current Postmaster General Louis DeJoy, a Trump appointee, has begun engaging in large cuts to the post office, including the removal of mail-sorting machines, collection boxes, and the reversal of a policy that treated ballots as high-priority mail.

While the USPS has delayed removing mailboxes and sorting machines until after the election, the machines already removed will not be reinstated.

This is not just a nationwide issue devoid of state-specific problems either.

The Trump re-election campaign sued two Iowa

counties that have tried to make it easier to vote absentee by filling in voter information on ballot request forms.

This lawsuit would invalidate "tens of thousands of ballot request forms," that are already in the hands of election auditors, according to the *Iowa City Press-Citizen*.

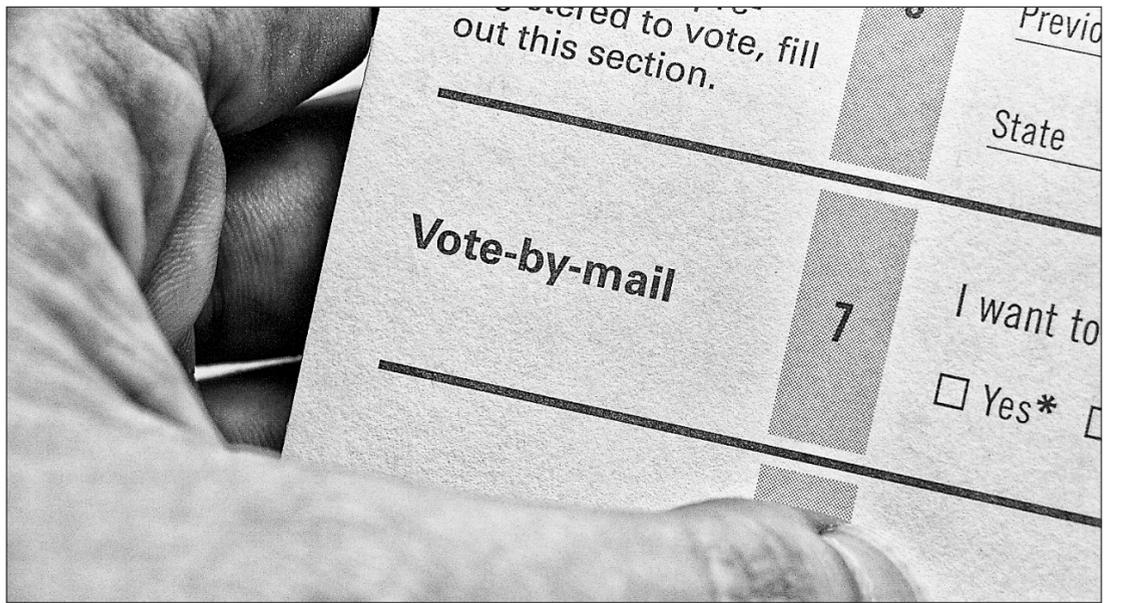
One of the counties happens to be Johnson County, in which the University of Iowa, and consequently most of the student population, is located.

If the U.S. District Court rules in favor of the Trump campaign, anyone who already submitted a request form would have to submit another request form to receive an absentee ballot.

The Iowa Secretary of State's office claims that county governments are not allowed to set-up ballot drop boxes despite them being used in primaries.

These may seem like minor issues but putting up roadblocks to the fundamental right of voting is absolutely absurd. The defense of election security is flimsy considering there is no evidence of fraud where absentee and mail-in ballots are concerned.

## Don't pressure post offices



The only reason why these measures would be put in place is to make it more difficult for as many people to vote possible.

Now, more than ever, it is important to understand everything necessary to cast your vote in this election. Regardless of party affiliation, the voice of the electorate

needs to be heard. Voting is how that happens.

With the cuts to the USPS, it is possible they will be unable to adequately handle all the ballots sent in. To avoid that worst-case scenario, it is necessary for voters to take steps to ensure that ballots are delivered in a timely fashion.

The Iowa Secretary of State

website has an easily usable search engine to find your county's auditor. For Johnson County, that would be Travis Weipert.

As far ahead as possible, contact your county's auditor and figure out what avenues you have to cast your ballot for the election this November. Ask about ballot drop off loca-

tions, registration, all of it.

While these roadblocks to voting are atrocious, it is nevertheless something we as voters must contend with for the time being. Do not let apathy and laziness get the best of you. For the love of our democracy, our country, and our future, please:

Vote.

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### Hypocrisy on COVID-19 must know no bounds



Nichole Maryse Harris/The Daily Iowan

University of Iowa President Bruce Harreld addresses members of Undergraduate Student Government virtually at the first USG meeting on Tuesday.

I just read the open letter from Bruce Harreld to the Iowa City community, and it's definitely a funny read.

You seriously think this governor's "proclamations" mean anything coming from a governor who would not

even issue shelter-in-place nor mandatory mask requirements in line with any expert recommendations and following suit for all other states also in the red danger zone? That's seriously hilarious.

Especially since the University of Iowa adminis-

tration was not even prepared for the first cases of COVID-19 among incoming students. The administration, weeks later, had to issue

“Leadership is a relationship and the leadership governing Iowa has the lowest approval rating for a reason.”

an apology because it was not living up to its responsibilities of being ready to handle the situation.

And now Harreld has the audacity to criticize the rest of the community for doing no less than yourself? Hypocrisy must be running so

deep these days. The terrible leadership that oversees the entire state of Iowa is what now prevents me from being able to even see my family without threat of self-quarantine.

At least we can see forms of leadership that actually have compassion and logic for relating to their constituents. Leadership is a relationship and the leadership governing Iowa has the lowest approval rating for a reason.

—Chris Dunlay  
Iowa City community member

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## GYMNASTICS

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Reive said he felt like Barta handed the situation professionally, saying the department did it as well as it could have, considering the horrible and emotional news, and that it was honestly how they needed to do it.

But that didn't make it easier to deal with.

"Man, it was pretty heavy," Reive said. "I think that's the easiest way to describe. It's not something we're completely naive to — the sport itself has been certainly in this position for a long time. But when it's finally real and you hear about it ... my current group, my own

children who do gymnastics, and just the entire community as a whole taking a hit."

When Reive went to address his team, it was in a room where they were socially distanced and wearing masks, and they were just trying to comprehend the news.

"It was like losing a limb," Reive said.

Student-athletes were crying and angry, which Reive described as the immediate grieving process that covers a gamut of emotions.

"My initial thing as a coach was to say 'look, you guys are the top student-athletes in the sport. It's really difficult and you're prepared to handle something like this and you

will all be OK."

The most frequent conversation Reive has had since the announcement is on the future for his student-athletes. He said that one walk-on has made the decision not to start, and that there's a couple student-athletes that had surgery since the middle of last season that will take a year to recover from.

On Monday morning, the team was back in the gym, preparing for a season they hope to get in. It looked different than it did when the team was together in March, with social distancing and masks.

"So, in that sense it's kind of different but at the same time it's really nice to be able to

together start kind of doing what we do," Reive said.

Barta has said multiple times that the decision to discontinue men's gymnastics as a varsity sport is final, making this the last season of the team as people know it. They might be able to compete outside of being a varsity sport. But that's not a guarantee.

"The biggest thing the guys will bring to me is let's go out and have a really great season," Reive said. "And I think there's a pretty legitimate psychological study here to what it looks like when there's no expectation of I'll have to fight another year or there's no real leverage over it like you're doing it to the best of your ability one last time."



Katie Goodale/The Daily Iowan  
The Hawkeyes huddle together after a Men's gymnastics meet against The University of Minnesota and the University of Illinois at Chicago.

## SWIMMING

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Katie Goodale/The Daily Iowan  
Wisconsin fans cheer during the last session of the 2020 Women's Big Ten Swim and Dive Championship on Saturday, Feb. 22, 2020 at the Campus Recreation and Wellness Center.

and Iowa City Liberty will host Iowa City West.

"We recognize that this is

disappointing information," the district said in a release. "Athletic competitions and student

performances serve as a way to bring our communities together. We celebrate our students, and more importantly, it allows our students to represent their schools with pride. We feel for our students that are missing the traditional experience, but we must continue to prioritize health and safety."

Prior to this announcement, the district had capacity limits for athletic events. According to the district website, those included:

- Outdoor Activities (i.e. football games): Each participating student and coach will be provided three tickets.

- Indoor Activities (i.e. volleyball games): Capacity will be limited to the lesser of 50 percent of the venue's capacity or each participating student and coach being provided two tickets.

- Individuals without a ticket, including students and staff, will not be permitted into the performance/competition.

- Spectators will be required

to wear a face covering while attending District-sponsored performances and competitions. Individuals who don't comply will be asked to leave.

The same guidelines will apply for non-District schools that are participating in the competition.

Iowa City Regina, a private school, is having an administrative meeting to decide if it will allow fans to attend its home varsity football game Friday night against Pleasant Valley, according to Jeff Johnson of the Cedar Rapids Gazette.

On Thursday, the ICCSD was granted permission from the state to begin the year 100 percent online as COVID-19 cases surge in the county. Johnson County added 338 positive COVID-19 tests Thursday, the most the county has ever seen in a 24-hour period. The county's 14-day rolling positivity rate reached above 15 percent, a threshold the Iowa Department of Education set for school districts that wanted to go all-

line.

The Iowa City school board will meet Saturday to determine if schools will move completely online or move forward with a hybrid learning model. The Iowa Department of Education previously denied a request from the school district on Aug. 6 to move to remote learning.

The ICCSD is currently scheduled to begin classes on Sept. 8. At this time, the school isn't considering a change in start date.

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the opportunity for Iowa City to be a host site.

However, some within the swimming and diving community question the legitimacy of Iowa City as host site, given that men's

and women's swimming and diving were two of the sports programs the Hawkeye athletic department elected to discontinue.

"We're supposed to host [the NCAA men's swimming and diving championships] this year, which is one of the biggest meets in the country," UI swim and

diver senior Sage Ohlensehln said. "It probably is the biggest meet in the country. There's a bunch of people that feel right now that Iowa should not get to host that meet. Obviously when a school hosts a meet that big, they make a lot of revenue. It doesn't really make sense to people why Iowa should make money off of the swimming community when they've disrespected it so badly."

One of Ohlensehln's counterparts on the men's team, sophomore swimmer Preston Planells, shared the same sentiment.

"Some days, I'm like, 'oh it's good, we're showing what we have,'" Planells said. "At the same time, it's like, 'well, you're getting rid of us.' About a week ago, I would've probably been ecstatic. I'd probably be like, 'yes, we're about to show up. This is so amazing for the community.' I think it's just hard to swallow.

It's hard to accept. You got people on my team that are redshirting, and we can't even compete in our own NCAA championship that's in [Iowa City]. It's hard to imagine hosting with very little competitors. It's probably not going to be filled with Iowa Hawkeye fans. It's hard to think about it being a pay day, but you got to think about it."

Iowa Director of Athletics Gary Barta noted in a video conference Monday that Iowa had notified the NCAA of its decision to cut the men's and women's swimming and diving programs.

"Immediately one of the things we did was notify the NCAA. So, they have our notification. They haven't finalized anything, so we'll see what their decision is."

The NCAA has yet to make an announcement regarding the site status of the 2021 men's swimming and diving championships.

In response to "The Daily Iowan's" email request, the NCAA issued the following statement:

"As details regarding the Division I Men's Swimming and Diving Championships become available, we will share with our membership and the public."



Joseph Cress/The Daily Iowan  
West High quarterback Evan Flitz looks to defensive coverage during a 4A varsity high school football game between Iowa City High and West High at Bates Field in Iowa City on Friday, Sept. 15, 2017

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**HAWKEYE UPDATES****Kathleen Doyle getting playing time in the WNBA**

After making her WNBA debut on Aug. 2, former Hawkeye guard Kathleen Doyle has received some playing time with the Indiana Fever. Doyle has played 10 games and averaged 9.2 minutes and 1.6 points per game.

As previously reported by *The Daily Iowan*, Doyle was battling an ankle injury at the start of the season. In her first game against the Atlanta Dream, the 2020 Big Ten Player of the Year played seven minutes and had one assist.

She scored her first career WNBA points in her next game, which was Aug. 5, against the Los Angeles Sparks. She also secured her first career WNBA rebound in that game.

The La Grange Park, Illinois, native's best game of the season so far was on Aug. 20 against the Seattle Storm. Doyle played 19 minutes, had six points, four assists, and one steal in the Fever's 90-84 victory.

Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, the WNBA has decided to play in a bubble – nicknamed the “wubble” – at the IMG Academy in Bradenton, Florida.

There's another Hawkeye down in the bubble – Dallas Wings center Megan Gustafson. The 2019 NCAA women's basketball player of the year hasn't played as much as Doyle.

In her second season in the WNBA, the Port Wing, Wisconsin, native has appeared in five games. The most playing time she got was 10 minutes on Aug. 6 against the Connecticut Sun. She had two points and three rebounds.

**Doyle****Iowa women's golf team event to be held on Sept. 12**

There will be a chance for fans to play with the Iowa women's golf team on Sept. 12 at Finkbine Golf Course, according to an Instagram post on the women's golf team account.

For \$175, fans can participate in three events, and the sales will bolster the student-athlete experience.

That includes an 18-hole event with a shotgun start and stroke play with handicaps. There's a six-hole shootout/horseshoe in an alternative shot format, where the top six gross players and the top 12 Hawkeyes will qualify and be paired up together. The final event is a nine-hole putting course.

Lunch and dinner will be provided in a grab-and-go style. Prizes include Hawkeye merchandise.

**QUOTE OF THE DAY****“It's like losing a limb”**

—Iowa men's gymnastics coach JD Reive recalling how he felt when he found out his sport would be cut at Iowa.

**STAT OF THE DAY**

The number of NCAA men's gymnastics teams that will remain after Iowa's program is cut at the end 2020-21 academic year.

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# Men's gymnastics coach reflects on discontinuation

JD Reive wasn't surprised that his sport was being discontinued at Iowa, but that didn't make the pain any less significant.

**Joseph Cress/The Daily Iowan**

Iowa head coach JD Reive talks with attendees before the Black and Gold intrasquad in the Field House on Friday, Dec. 1, 2017. The Hawkeyes men's gymnastics team debuted their 2018 roster during the event.

**BY ISAAC GOFFIN**  
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Last Friday, the Iowa men's gymnastics team received an invitation to a meeting with the men's tennis team, and men's and women's swimming and diving program.

“We're smart enough to know what was occurring very quickly at that point,” Iowa men's gymnastics head coach JD Reive said. “Your stomach and your heart drops a little bit.”

Iowa Athletic Director Gary Barta delivered the news that all four sports would be discontinued after the 2020-21 academic year.

With the Big Ten canceling the rest of the winter and spring sports seasons on March 12 and postponing fall sports on Aug. 11 because of the COVID-19 pandemic, Iowa Athletics lost about \$100 million in revenue and has a budget deficit of between \$60-75 million.

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# Question mark on swimming

With the discontinuation of Iowa's swim and dive program looming, members of the swimming and diving community are questioning the legitimacy of Iowa City as a host site.

**Ryan Adams/The Daily Iowan**

Swimmers compete in the 200 backstroke during a swim meet at the CRWC on January 11, 2020 between Iowa, Illinois, and Notre Dame. The Hawkeye men's team defeated the fighting Irish 159.50 to 140.50 while the Hawkeye women's team defeated the fighting Illini 223 to 86 and lost to the fighting Irish 99.50 to 209.50.

**BY AUSTIN HANSON**  
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With the University of Iowa Department of Intercollegiate Athletics' decision to discontinue four sports after the 2020-21 season came a bevy of interesting cogs.

With complex issues such as student-athlete health and wellness, scholarship eligibility, transfer eligibility, and coaching contracts

seeping to the forefront of Hawkeye fans' minds, one storyline seems to have slipped through the cracks.

Currently, Iowa is slated to host the 2021 NCAA men's swimming and diving championships. Iowa's world-class, \$69 million swimming and diving facility— which received between \$5 and \$6 million in maintenance and restoration just last year— certainly warrants

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# ICCSA prohibits fans at games

The move was made in response to the growing number of COVID-19 cases in Johnson county and is effective immediately.

**Joseph Cress/The Daily Iowan**

City and West players warmup before a 4A varsity high school football game between Iowa City High and West High at Bates Field in Iowa City on Friday, Sept. 15, 2017.

**BY ROBERT READ**  
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The Iowa City Community School District announced Thursday that it is prohibiting all spectators at district-sponsored activities and athletic events held on district campuses until further notice, effective immediately, in response to rising coronavirus cases in Johnson county.

The district cited Iowa Gov. Kim Reynolds' announcement Thursday restricting social gatherings in Johnson county, saying it felt compelled to further limit mass gatherings and that this decision “helps ensure the continued health and safety of our student-athletes, student performers, staff, and coaches.”

“Our priority is to provide the opportunity for our student-athletes and performers to participate to the fullest extent that is safely possible,” the district said in a release.

Any events that were previously scheduled for Friday through Saturday will continue as planned, however, spectators will not be allowed. Any previously distributed wristbands for entry to events are no longer valid, the district said. All regularly scheduled practices through Saturday will proceed as planned.

This restriction will affect Iowa City High's Thursday volleyball games against Johnston and Marion, and two football games on Friday night. City High football is set to host Davenport Central on Friday,

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