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## Reynolds stands by moves

**U of IOWA REPORT:** Experts say reducing prevention measures likely to bring about second wave of coronavirus

**BY CHUCK VANDENBERG**  
PCC EDITOR

JOHNSTON – Iowa Gov. Kim Reynolds, in a short press conference on Wednesday, defended her action to relax some restrictions in 78% of the state despite climbing case counts and a report from the University of Iowa saying the move could cause a second wave of coronavirus infection.

At Wednesday's daily press conference, reporters pushed Reynolds on the report that was received early last week from University officials. The report was an initial finding as part of a contracted service between the University and the Iowa Department of Public Health for an Iowa-specific COVID-19 model.

According to a report in the Des Moines Register, the initial report said without continuing mitigation, a "second wave of infections is likely".

Reynolds said the state is moving forward and with Test Iowa and other measures, including sending strike teams to where "widespread virus activity" is on going, the state will be able to be more targeted with efforts to contain the virus.

"I didn't just rip the bandage off or flip the light switch," Reynolds said Wednesday.



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg

Churches across the state have been given the green light to hold services as long as health measures are in place to prevent the spread of the coronavirus.

day.

"I think we've moved forward in a reasonable manner to start Iowa up, which I think we can do."

Reynolds said she appreciated the work the University is doing in coming up with the Iowa model, but it isn't complete yet. She also said the University partnered with the IDPH and recommended restarting elective surgeries this week.



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"It makes sense to start loosening up in places that have seen little to no activity. It's not sustainable for us to continue to lock the state down. We need to start to open it up in a responsible manner in areas we feel

we've seen a stabilization and a downward trend," Reynolds said.

"We'll monitor, which we can, and see how the state responds to lifting some of the mitigating efforts and start to move forward."

Reynolds pointed out that 96% of all positive cases in the state in the last 24-hour reporting period ending Tuesday at 10 a.m. were in the 22 counties that are still restricted. However those are the areas of the state where most testing is being done.

Reynolds said 467 new positives were confirmed Tuesday for 6,843 total positive cases in the state. There were 12 additional deaths in that reporting cycle bringing the

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## CENTRAL LEE

### CLHS hires Banks as new head coach

**BY CHUCK VANDENBERG**  
PCC EDITOR

DONNELSON – A familiar face will be donning a cap a whistle this year for the Central Lee football program.

Chuck Banks has accepted the position as head football coach following the departure of Nick Ehret after three years.

Banks has been with the program for about seven years after putting in 10 years under head coach Jim Knott at Centerville. Banks' first five years with Central Lee were under storied head coach Randy Hoffman when the Hawk's compiled a 25-23 mark. Banks first year with Hoffman in 2012 was an 0-9 season, but just three years later the Hawks made the state playoffs and then went again in 2016.

Banks said he's learned a lot about coaching philosophy from Hoffman and Knott.

"Hoffman, he's kinda the end of an era when you look at old school coaching. He was tough but he still loved his kids. He was about building relationships, as was Knott in Centerville. Both of them were about building relationships and being there for the kids even beyond the field," Banks said.

The Hawks went just 2-7 last fall after going winless in 2018. Banks said he has no preconceived notions about the team and the 2-16 record over the past two years didn't intimidate him at all.

"There was no coercion here whatsoever," the Centerville native said. "I didn't need to be pushed into this job. I had always had a inkling I would get back into football. It's something I loved."

Banks said he had to tackle a health issue during the 2019 season and took

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## GRADUATION

### Central Lee rolls out end-of-year plans

The following is an update from Central Lee Community School District Superintendent Dr. Andy Crozier printed in its entirety

Central Lee Family,

We want to keep you updated on our services during school closures. Please see below for the latest information:

#### Graduation Events

We have been working behind the

scenes to determine the best way to honor our senior class. Below are a few events we are planning:

Senior Graduation Video: We will record a simulated graduation, providing each senior with the opportunity to walk across the stage in their cap and gown and receive their diploma. Our video will also include senior speakers, the senior song, and the usual pomp and circumstance. To make this happen, we will ask each senior family to



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come in individually and record the events in separate settings. We will then have the Donovan Group, a professional communication firm, complete the editing and turn the video into an actual production of graduation. While it's not an ideal solution, we hope to capture

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## WEATHER

THU 30 Apr.....Sunny & Clear, 60.0° F/ 47.6° F  
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## For the Record/Local News

### For the Record

#### Fort Madison Police Report

04/28/20 – 9:10 p.m.  
 – Fort Madison Police cited Larry Gene Burtlow, 60, of Fort Madison in the 3100 block of Avenue L, on a charge of driving while suspended. He was released.  
 04/28/20 – 1:59 a.m.  
 – Fort Madison Police cited Jeremy Christopher Gillette, 19, of Fort Madison, at Rodeo Park on a charge of driving while revoked, and possession of paraphernalia. He was released.  
 04/28/20 – 8:49 a.m.  
 – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of

vandalism in the 1900 block of Avenue J.  
 04/28/20 – 12:35 p.m.  
 – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 3400 block of Avenue L.  
 04/28/20 – 1:01 p.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 5000 block of Avenue O.  
 04/28/20 – 2:34 p.m.  
 – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 2700 block of Avenue L.

**Lee County Sheriff's Report**  
 04/28/20 – 9:07 a.m.

– Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Christopher Lee Davis, 33, of Keokuk at the Lee County Jail on charges of 5th-degree theft, 5th degree criminal mischief, and violation of parole. He was held in custody. Those listed above are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

**Fort Madison Fire & Rescue Report**  
 04/28/20 – Fort Madison firefighters responded to three false alarms, three medical calls, and one trash fire.



Courtesy photo

The local Chapter JO of P.E.O. is proud to announce that Maille Sheerin, a senior at Holy Trinity High School, has been awarded the P.E.O STAR Scholarship for the 2020-2021 academic year. Maille was selected from nearly 8,000 applicants from around the United States and will receive a \$2,500 scholarship toward higher education. Eligibility, is in part, based on a young woman who is an incoming senior for the school year and exhibits excellence in leadership, academics, extracurricular activities, community service, and potential for future success. Maille will be attending the University of Iowa in the fall and plans to major in Public Health.

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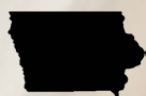
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From the Front

# Banks to bring balance to Hawks' gridiron

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a year off. He said he watched his daughter as a cheerleader in 2019 and lost some weight and is now ready to get back into the game.

The Hawks will complete in Class 1A, District 7 in 2020. The Hawks were 2-4 against teams in that district last year, with wins over Eddyville/Blakesburg/Fremont and Davis County to end the year.

Banks said he's looking forward to the schedule this year, a schedule he thinks could be very balanced with Pekin opening the year.

"They'll be well-coached and run a power game and push the ball," Banks said. "But we get Van Buren again this year and when you think back to the old days they were kind of a rival. That's awesome and it's good to have them back."

He said Cardinal will be a wild card with some really good athletes, but Mid Prairie and Williamsburg always comes with a strong team.

Although this will be Banks' first year as football

head coach at the varsity level, he's had stints as a head coach in other sports and was the Activities Director at Central Lee prior to Jerry Ireland's arrival four years ago.

Banks also has a coaching podcast with Fort Madison head coach Derek Doherty and said he considers Doherty a close personal friend who's building a strong program at Fort Madison.

"I can only hope that I'm heading down that path. I coach with high energy and intensity, and even the kid that may not have at the greatest skill level gets the same coaching from me as the best athlete."

Banks said despite losing 10 seniors from last fall's squad he said the staff and students are excited about the 2020 season and hope the coronavirus doesn't interfere with the fall program.

State officials have said information on the sum-

mer sports season won't be released until June 1.

"I think it very well could have an impact when you look at all the unknowns that are out there," Banks said. "I've reached out to some students and athletes and there is a growing concern of that unknown. But the sporting world and the world in general will be forever changed."

Aside from those unknowns, there are some things he's pretty certain about going into his first year.

"I think the skies the limit. I'm hearing from a lot of kids who are excited and the staff is excited," Banks said. "Now I'm not going mention what offense or defense we'll work at this point, but I have a lot of great ideas to shore us up."

He said the goal every year is to hit a winning season and then progress and go as far as you can.


"I'm totally optimistic about who we have. Johnny Schneider is a fast kid who was hurt last year and he'll be ready. Bryce Finney is another underclassman who could pay huge dividends along with a lot of other youngsters out there," he said.

Connor Moor is a senior lineman who Banks said could provide influence offensively.

"A lot of kids have the ability and if they buy into the system they will be just fine."

Balance is the key to his style of play, Banks said. But he said they will probably be a little more run heavy than pass.

"But what you see is what you get, and week in and week out you have to deal that."



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### PUBLIC NOTICES

**PUBLIC NOTICE  
PROCEEDINGS  
FORT MADISON  
CITY COUNCIL  
4/21/2020**

The Fort Madison City Council met in adjourned session at 5:30 P.M. on Tuesday, April 21, 2020, at City Hall, 811 Avenue E. Mayor Mohrfeld presided with Council Members Bowker, Rink, Lair, Andrews, Cangas and Morawitz present. Council Member Miller was absent.

This meeting was held electronically (pursuant to Iowa Code Section 21.8) because a meeting in person was impossible or impractical for the health and safety of City Council, staff and the public presented by COVID-19.

On motion, Council approved the agenda. On motion, Council approved the Consent Agenda: Minutes of 4/7/2020; Payroll of 4/9/2020; Claims dated 4/16/2020, April Library Claims and the City Manager's Financial Update; Liquor License Renewal: Horan's Cabaret, 1337 Avenue G, effective 5/7/2020; and Setting public hearing at 5:30 P.M. on 5/5/2020, to amend Title 10, Zoning, Chapter 25, Floodplain Management. Department Heads updated Council on activities with-

in their departments.

Mohrfeld opened the public hearing Concerning the Rezoning of Property Located 2324 and 2332 Avenue J, from R-4, One-Family Dwelling District, to B-4, Highway Business District at 6:01 P.M.. With no oral or written comments, Mohrfeld closed the public hearing. On motion, Council approved the first reading of an ordinance rezoning of property located 2324 and 2332 Avenue J, from R-4, One-Family Dwelling District, to B-4, Highway Business District.

Mohrfeld opened the public hearing Concerning P.I.P. 2020-01, Parking Lot Reconstruction and Storm Water Improvements at 6:05 P.M.. With no oral or written comments, Mohrfeld closed the public hearing. On motion, Council approved Resolution No. 2020-21, adopting plans, specifications, form of contract and estimate of cost for the project. On motion, Council adopted Resolution No. 2020-22, awarding construction contract in the amount of \$429,533.20 to Meller Excavating and Asphalt, of Fort Madison, Iowa. On motion, Council adopted Resolution No. 2020-23, approving the contract and bonds of Meller Excavating and Asphalt,

pending receipt of the documents.

Mohrfeld opened the public hearing Concerning the Issuance of Not To Exceed \$1,600,000 Sewer Revenue Capital Loan Notes (Sponsored Project) at 6:12 P.M.. With no oral or written comments, Mohrfeld closed the public hearing. On motion, Council adopted Resolution No. 2020-24, instituting proceedings to take additional action for the authorization of a Loan and Disbursement Agreement the issuance of Not To Exceed \$1,600,000 Sewer Revenue Capital Loan Notes.

On motion, Council approved Ordinance No. D-60, rezoning property located at 1731 - 39th

Street and adjoining alley between 38th and 39th Streets, and 1729 - 39th Street, from R-4, Single Family Dwelling District, to B-3, Service and Wholesale District.

Following a discussion, on motion, Council adopted Resolution No. 2020-25, approving the request of the Lee County Historical Society to apply for grants to repair the Lone Chimney Monument. Council discussed the Historic Preservation Commission's request to apply for placement of the #2913 Steam Locomotive on the National Historic Register. Tim Cutsforth, HR Green, gave a presentation concerning the One-Way Pairs Project.

At 7:30 P.M., the meet-

ing adjourned until April 21, 2020, at 5:30 P.M.

/s/ Matt J. Mohrfeld,

Mayor  
ATTEST: /s/ Melinda L. Blind, City Clerk

REVENUES	4/15/2020	EXPENDITURES	
General	\$653,593.48	General	\$85,986.61
Special Revenue	417,593.13	Special Revenue	162,793.75
Road Use	50.00	Road Use	13,032.20
Debt	201,484.50	Capital	102,572.01
Capital	0	Water	34,804.61
Water	988.06	Sewer	41,680.43
Sewer	1,887.83	Solid Waste/IWC	14,917.73
Solid Waste/IWC	565.83	SW Utility	4,583.29
SW Utility	97.88		\$460,370.63
	\$1,276,260.71		
<b>PAYROLL</b>	<b>4/9/2020</b>		
General	\$176,968.58		
Special Revenue	3,524.99		
Road Use	26,948.19		
Water	28,937.04		
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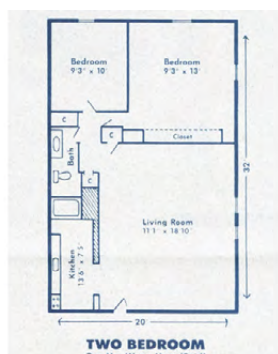
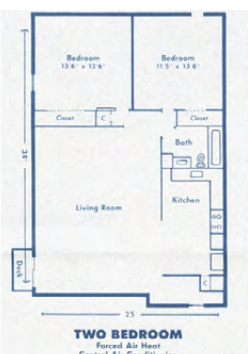
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 REES, JANE, COVID-19 SHELTER REFUND .....65.00  
 RIVER CITY MOTORS PLUS, REPAIR FLAT TIRE .....42.50  
 ROBERT N. JOHNSON III, MONTHLY SUBSIDY .....1,383.60  
 S.H. ENTERPRISES LTD., HAULING SLUDGE .....13,780.00  
 SCHMITT CONSTRUCTION, INC., REPLACE DOOR @ SHOPTON .....2,950.00  
 SE IA REGIONAL PLANNING COMM, SEIBUS JAN-MAR 2020..2,125.00  
 SELECTIVE INS., FLOOD INSURANCE .....512.00  
 SINCLAIR TRACTOR, FILTERS .....301.15  
 SKEETER KELL SPORTING GOODS, TETHERBALLS .....126.00  
 STAR EQUIPMENT, LTD, CHAIN .....593.18

TESTAMERICA INC., WEEKLY TEST.....546.00  
 THACHER TREE CARE, TREE REMOVAL .....2,550.00  
 TIM'S REPAIR SHOP, BELT/REPAIRS .....53.80  
 TRUCK REPAIR INC., FITTINGS/HOSE ..153.70  
 TURBO WASH INC., TOKENS .....125.00  
 UPS, SHIPPING .....10.10  
 USA BLUE BOOK, TEST KITS.....1,821.26  
 VERIZON WIRELESS, PHONES .....280.07  
 VISU-SEWER, INC, JOINT SEALING/GROUTING .....25,370.00  
 WELLMARK BC/BS, HEALTH PREMIUMS .....89,937.86  
 WEST CENTRAL FS, INC, FUEL .....499.80  
 WILKENS-ANDERSON, WASHER.....466.70  
 WILKERSON, DAVID, BARRICADE REFUND .....20.00  
 YOUNGGREN SHOES, SAFETY BOOTS - BRISBY .....103.99  
 TOTAL .....455,824.83  
 GENERAL .....81,440.81  
 SPECIAL REVENUES .....128,465.72  
 ROAD USE.....13,032.20  
 CAPITAL PROJECTS .....102,572.01  
 WATER.....34,804.61  
 WASTEWATER .....41,680.43  
 SOLID WASTE .....14,917.73  
 AIRPORT.....34,328.03  
 STORM WATER .....4,583.29  
 .....455,824.83

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 ABC FIRE EXTINGUISHER, ANNUAL INSPECTION .....70.75  
 AMAZON.COM, LIBRARY MATERIALS .....184.93  
 BAKER & TAYLOR, LIBRARY MATERIALS .....1,643.33  
 CENGAGE LEARNING, LIBRARY MATERIALS .....98.76  
 DAILY DEMOCRAT, ADS .....50.00  
 DEMCO, OFFICE SUPPLIES .....373.14  
 DODD PRINTING & STATIONERY, FINGERTIP MOISTENERS.....17.36  
 IOWA LIBRARY ASSOC., PERSONAL MEMBERSHIP .....75.00  
 J&S ELECTRONIC BUSINESS, REPAIR PHONE SYSTEM.....340.38  
 KANOPY, INC., LIBRARY MATERIALS .....83.00  
 MEDIACOM, INTERNET & PHONE .....238.99  
 MIDAMERICAN ENERGY, HEATING .....165.21  
 PENGUIN RANDOM HOUSE, LIBRARY MATERIALS.....146.25  
 PETTY CASH - SARAH CLENDINENG, BLEACH; GLOVES; CERT MAIL .....33.76  
 QUILL CORPORATION, CLEANING SUPPLIES .....119.84  
 SERVICE MASTER, JANITORIAL SERVICE .....905.10  
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## From the Front

# Central Lee plans graduation ceremony on June 28

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graduation for our seniors to have forever. The video will be posted publicly at a later date for all to view.

**Senior Parade:** We are planning a senior parade on the original graduation date of Sunday, May 17. The parade will go through Montrose and Donnellson. We will have more details in the near future and will require all participants to adhere to social distancing guidelines.

**Live Graduation:** In addition to the simulated graduation, we hope to host a live graduation for our senior class at some point. We are planning an event for Sunday, June 28 at 2 p.m. on the football field. Guest participation will be determined by state and CDC guidelines at that time.

We know there are also other events associated with graduation, and we will provide you with updates soon. After speaking with the senior class last week, we feel confident in our plan and hope that it helps honor the hard work our students have demonstrated over the past several years.

**“Light Up Central Lee”**  
Would you like to help honor the senior class? On Friday, May 1, we will host “Light Up Central Lee.” The event will be held on school grounds and will require families to stay in their vehicles. We plan to turn on all lights at our athletic fields, parking lots, and

school buildings from 8 p.m. to 8:20 p.m. to honor the 2020 senior class (8:20 p.m. on military time is 20:20).

We will be passing out FREE popcorn for families while playing music and announcing messages for our seniors over the football field PA system. The elementary parking lot will be accessible and we will be passing out treats from the K-8 as well. We will start passing out popcorn at 7:30 p.m. We hope you can join us

**Supplemental Learning**  
Supplemental learning resources continue to be available online, and we’re mailing out more than 300 packets to families each week. We strongly encourage all students to engage in these activities.

Many families have done an excellent job so far. Any work you do now will limit any regression in learning students might experience this August when we return to school.

We are beginning to work on our “Return to Learn” plan, as required by the Iowa Department of Education. We hope to offer summer school for students in early August. This will be designated for our highest-risk students. High school credit recovery will continue to take place online through the summer, as well. Lastly, iReady reading and math will be available throughout the entire summer, and families will be allowed to keep their iPads during this time.

**High School Grades**  
Our high school will give out letter grades for the second semester. Letter grades will consist of third-quarter work and any assignments/exams that have been finished or revised since our school closure. Students may apply for Pass/Fail on grades if they desire.

Please note that students must have an economic or health hardship that has limited their ability to finalize or redo any third-quarter assignments or exams. Mrs. Herdrich will be sending out more information about this to high school families soon. We will also post this information to our COVID-19 website.

**Student Items**  
We are busy collecting students’ items and organizing them for you

to pick up later in May. We will release information soon on how we will move forward with this process. In the meantime, you may want to start organizing textbooks, library books, and other end-of-the-year items that need to be returned to school. We will likely pass out items and have you return items on the same day.

**Meal Service**  
Meal service will continue through May 29. We are currently providing three meals on Sunday and two meals on Wednesday. Each meal contains breakfast and lunch. We prepare nearly 4,000 meals per week for our community. If you get a chance, please thank our nutrition staff and transportation staff for their tremendous efforts!

**Internet Access**  
We have installed a Wi-Fi extender that allows students and parents to access high-speed internet in the high school parking lot. While we understand it is not a perfect solution, it may help a little during this time.

If you have issues logging onto our Wi-Fi, please contact Technology Director Kris Brewer at [kbrewer@centrallee.org](mailto:kbrewer@centrallee.org). If you do use our Wi-Fi in the parking lot, please adhere to social distancing guidelines.

Please let us know if there is anything else we can do to support you during this challenging time. Once again, thank you.

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## Iowa News/From the Front

# IDPH to start adding Test Iowa sites next week

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statewide total to 148.

She said 2,428 Iowans who have tested positive have recovered from the illness.

On Monday, Lee County Health Department administrator Michele Ross said the Lee County is not stabilized and has an upward trend, two benchmarks, Reynolds said she used to determine which counties would receive relaxed restrictions. She also used the number of cases and hospitalization rates, which are very low in Lee County comparative to those still under heavier restrictions.

As of Tuesday morning reporting, Lee County had eight positive tests for the coronavirus and no deaths. But on Wednesday afternoon LCHD officials released a ninth adult who was confirmed to have COVID-19 in the county. Des Moines and Henry counties have a combined 49 confirmed cases and have two reported deaths.

Reynolds also updated information from the Test Iowa site at [www.testiowa.com](http://www.testiowa.com). She said 442,000 Iowans have visited the site, but only 229,000 of those actually completed the assessment which means 48% are leaving the site before completing the assessment.

Reynolds said 65% of those completing the assessment are female and 39% are within the 45-64 age range. Until Wednesday one site for scheduled testing was set up in Des Moines at the Iowa Events Center, but on Wednesday another testing site was opened at Crossroads Mall in Waterloo.

Two additional testing sites are in the works for Woodbury and Scott County.

Reynolds order on Monday indicated churches were allowed to begin regular services again as long as preventative measures were included to maintain social distancing and protect church-goers. On Wednesday, Reynolds said she would continue to attend service online.

"It's not a mandate it's an option. That's a decision Iowans get to make and religious services will make across the state. I'll probably go online. I think our church has decided to stay online," she said.

Reynolds said she was going to be on a call with Vice President Mike Pence this afternoon to get into the specifics of President Donald Trump's order for the nation's meat processing facilities to remain open, despite soaring numbers of coronavirus infections at those facilities.

She said the state has a good partnership with facilities in Iowa, and the Centers for Disease Control and OSHA have new guidelines that should help these facilities stay open and reduce the spread of the infection.

"Testing is a big component of that and we'll have to be aggressive with facilities in our approach and walking through new guidance to make sure they are, and they are, doing everything that can to protect their workforce," she said.

## Hy-Vee putting crews in face masks

WEST DES MOINES — Hy-Vee, Inc. announces today that all store and distribution center employees throughout its eight-state region are now required to wear masks or other facial coverings while at work in response to the evolving coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak.

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This is just one of many measures Hy-Vee has taken to ensure the health and wellbeing of its employees and customers over the past several weeks. Other efforts include temporary Plexiglas barriers installed at all check stands and pharmacy, customer service and convenience store counters; social distancing indicators on the floor wherever lines typically form in the store; one-way directional signage for all aisles; sanitation of all carts and check stand belts between each customer use; special shopping times for those considered to most at risk for illness and much more.

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