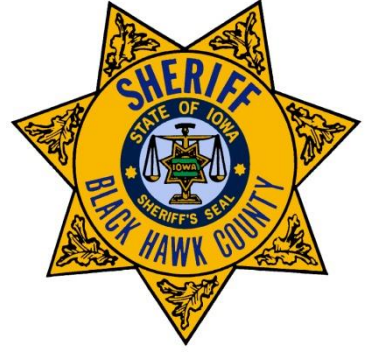


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### **Coronavirus EOC Press Conference #1**

At noon today, the Black Hawk County Emergency Operations Center will stand up at the Waterloo Fire Training Center, 1925 Newell Street, Waterloo. This will be the central point of coordination for all communications, plans and operations for the countywide response to the COVID-19 virus pandemic.

To that end, Dr. Nafissa Cisse-Egbuonye, Black Hawk County Health Department Director, will assume incident command of the EOC and will provide daily press briefings at 3pm in the upstairs classroom of the training center. **The first press briefing will start today (03-17-20) at 3pm.** All media are welcome and encouraged to attend as this will be the coordinated information point for all communications from the hospitals, the health department, first responders, and all other county partners regarding this pandemic.

Though there is presently no reported cases in Black Hawk County, Dr. Egbuonye will brief the media on preventative steps taken, partnerships fostered and recommended best practices to help stem the spread of the virus. There will also likely be other briefers at the press conferences daily as information dictates.

Sheriff Tony Thompson,  
Black Hawk County Emergency Management Commission Chairman

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