



Greater Des Moines

Virtual Community Conversation 2.0 on Tuesday, October 6 from 11:30 AM to 1 PM.

Please register to receive the Zoom conference link to our Virtual Community Conversation 2.0. We will have two speakers from DHS - Director Kelly Garcia and Covid Recovery Resources Director Karen Hyatt. Each will have 45 minutes - at least 30 minutes will be a presentation and any remaining time will be for questions and answers.

Community Conversation events are free to attend and open to the public. Please join us!

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The first speaker will be **Karen Hyatt**. She will be speaking from 11:30 AM to 12:15 PM. Karen is the lead DHS official for the COVID Recovery Resources. More information can be found at: <https://covidrecoveryiowa.org/>

[Covid Iowa Recovery Resources](#)

Click on [Pre-Teen Support Groups](#)

Click on [Teen Support Groups](#)

Click on [Parent Support Groups](#)

Facebook, Instagram, Twitter and Youtube:

COVID Recovery Iowa information and programs can be interacted with on all major social media platforms.

Iowa Concern: 800-447-1985 Provides confidential access to stress counselors and an attorney for legal education, as well as information and referral services for a wide variety of topics, including COVID-19 services. Iowa Concern services are available **24 hours a day, seven days per week at no charge**. To reach Iowa Concern, call **800-447-1985**; language interpretation service is available.

Iowa Warm Line: 844-775-WARM (9276) Provides confidential access to peer counseling and can connect people upon request with COVID Recovery Iowa Services. Language interpretation service is available.

Personal Support and Assessment Provide personal support, education, and referral information. A virtual counselor can connect with community-based services as needed.

Another website is <https://dhs.iowa.gov/COVID19> - it contains

- Covid 19 statistical dashboards
- Derecho Disaster resources
- Covid Testing information
- A multitude of guidance documents



DHS Director Kelly Garcia will be the second speaker at the Community Conversation 2.0. She will speak from 12:15 to 1 PM.

Kelly Kennedy Garcia comes from Texas where she was a deputy executive commissioner for the Texas Health and Human Services Commission, where she oversaw health, developmental and independence services for the state.

Governor Kim Reynolds appointed **Garcia** to oversee the state's health and social services agency in November 2019. She was unanimously confirmed by the **Iowa** Senate on February 26, 2020.

Kelly was also appointed the interim director for the Iowa Dept. of Public Health after Gerd Clabaugh retired on 7-31-20.

Garcia will continue to serve as the director of the Iowa Department of Human Services (DHS) and the interim director of the Iowa Dept. of Public Health concurrently.