

## IDPH News Release

## Iowa Communities Honored by CDC for Water Fluoridation

The Iowa Department of Public Health announced today that 107 Iowa communities have been awarded the Water Fluoridation Quality Award from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). In addition, eight communities (Allison Water Supply, Atlantic Municipal Utilities, Eldridge Water Supply, Fort Madison Municipal Waterworks, Iowa Falls Water Department, Kalona Water Department, Milford Municipal Utilities and Spirit Lake Waterworks) have been awarded the 50 Year Award for maintaining continuous community water fluoridation from 1968-2018. Nationally, 1,656 public water systems in 30 states received this award for 2018.

The 107 Iowa communities receiving awards include:

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Albert City	Clarion	Fort Madison	Kalona	Minden	Scranton	Boyer
Algona	Council Bluffs	Garner	Kanawha	Missouri Valley	Shelby	West Central – Nishnabotna
Allison	Cresco	Glenwood	Keokuk	Monona	Sibley	Winterset
Ames	Creston	Glidden	Lake Mills	Montezuma	Sioux City	
Atlantic	Decorah	Griswold	Lamoni	Nevada	Sloan	
Audubon	Denison	Guthrie	Leon	Newton	Solon	
Bancroft	Des Moines	Guttenberg	Logan	Northwood	Spencer	
Belle Plaine	Dexter	Hampton	Lone Tree	Orange City	Spirit Lake	
Bennett	Dubuque	Harlan	Madrid	Osage	Stanton	
Boone	Durant	Hartley	Malvern	Osceola	Terril	
Britt	Eagle Grove	Hiawatha	Manchester	Ottumwa	Thompson	
Burlington	Eddyville	Huxley	Manilla	Paullina	Tipton	
Carroll	Eldridge	Iowa American Water Company (Clinton and Davenport)	Manly	Pella	Ventura	
Carson	Elk Horn	Iowa City	Manning	Rathbun	Villisca	
Casey	Emmetsburg	Iowa Falls	Marshalltown	Regional	Wapello	
Cedar Falls	Estherville	Iowa Lakes	Mason City	Rock Valley	Waterloo	
Cedar Rapids	Forest City	Jefferson	Milford	Schaller	Waukon	

Fluoridation is the adjustment of fluoride in drinking water to a level that is effective for preventing tooth decay. The award recognizes those communities that achieved excellence in community water fluoridation by maintaining a consistent level of fluoride in drinking water throughout 2018.

IDPH supports CDC approved fluoridation programs. The IDPH Bureau of Oral and Health Delivery Systems monitors the fluoride levels of Iowa communities and provides information and assistance to water supply professionals, healthcare professionals and the public. To see the fluoridation status of Iowa counties and towns, visit the My Water's Fluoride website at <a href="https://nccd.cdc.gov/DOH\_MWF">https://nccd.cdc.gov/DOH\_MWF</a>.

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