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TO: Reporting Officials  
FROM: Donna M. Mueller, CEO  
SUBJECT: Guidance for Public Employers

The increasing prevalence of COVID-19 has created several unique situations for Iowa public employers. Answers to a few common questions are below.

**When a public employer closes as a safety measure to contain COVID-19, but continues to pay its employees, is that pay IPERS-covered?**

Yes. IPERS considers this administrative leave, and IPERS contributions must be withheld.

**Is unemployment compensation for furloughed or laid off employees considered covered wages?**

No. Third party payments are not covered for IPERS benefits.

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