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TO:  Reporting Officials
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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.

INQUIRIES
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