



McLean County Health Department COVID-19 Update March 27th, 2020

Event Status

Summary of event: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/summary.html>

Illinois: <http://www.dph.illinois.gov/topics-services/diseases-and-conditions/diseases-a-z-list/coronavirus>

- Total Cases: 2,538
- Total deaths: 26

McLean County:

- Approximate Tests Provided – 134
- Negative Tests – 85
- Current Persons Under Investigation – 49
- Confirmed Cases – 9
- Hospitalized – 3
- Deaths – 1

McLean County Health Department (MCHD) Activities

- MCHD is still open with some service modifications. Clients are asked to reschedule appointments for services if sick.
- Communicable Disease staff have been working with community partners to ensure adequate screening and immediate isolation procedures are in place in preparation for McLean County cases.
- Promoting key messages to the public to practice Non-Pharmaceutical Interventions, to avoid travel to countries with sustained ongoing transmission and to call your healthcare provider if you develop COVID-19 symptoms in order to receive instructions on how to access healthcare services.
- Promotion of information/guidance to McLean County residents through website/social media
 - MCHD website: <https://health.mcleancountyil.gov/>
 - MCHD Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/McLeanHealth>
 - MCHD Twitter:
https://twitter.com/McLeanHealth?ref_src=twsrc%5Egoogle%7Ctwcamp%5Eserp%7Ctwgr%5Eauthor
- Implemented communication methods to improve communication between McLean County community partners and the McLean County Health Department:
 - Agencies/organizations seeking guidance: 309-846-1071
 - Media: 309-888-5448
 - Public:
 - PATH/ 2-1-1
 - Illinois Department of Public Health COVID-19 Hotline
 - 800-889-3931 or email DPH.SICK@ILLINOIS.GOV
- Updated Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidance provided to community stakeholders with instructions to monitor the CDC COVID-19 website at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html> for future updates/revisions:
 - Households: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/home/index.html>
 - Older Adults: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/retirement/checklist.html>
 - Parents : <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prepare/children.html>
 - First Responders: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/first-responders.html>



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Expectations for the Community

- Observe the Shelter-In-Place Executive Order and only leave your home if necessary.
- Older people and people with severe chronic conditions should take special precautions because they are at higher risk of developing serious COVID-19 illness.
- Understand that there are limited testing supplies at state and commercial laboratories at this time. This has resulted in the need to prioritize testing to those most in need.
- Stay at home if you are sick.
- There is currently no vaccine or other medical countermeasures for COVID-19.
- Follow MCHD guidance regarding quarantine or isolation, when advised to do so.
- Practice non-pharmaceutical interventions recommended by the CDC, including:
 - Avoid ill people
 - Stay home when ill
 - Wash hands (soap and water or use hand sanitizer that is at least 60% alcohol)
 - Cover cough and sneezes
 - Disinfect surfaces regularly
- Follow MCHD and CDC social media messages.
- For all personal protective equipment (PPE) donations, email PPE.donations@illinois.gov. For health questions about COVID-19, call the hotline at 1-800-889-3931 or email dph.sick@illinois.gov.

COVID-19 Testing Criteria

- Is COVID-19 testing available? - Yes. Healthcare providers have been provided the criteria that has to be met for residents to be tested. Criteria for testing is constantly updated to keep up with the evolving response.
- How many have been tested? - There have been approximately 123 residents tested for COVID-19 through state and commercial labs as of 3/25/2020.
- Is anyone being monitored? - Yes. MCHD staff are actively monitoring any identified individuals who are at high risk for exposure to COVID-19. Residents who meet criteria for monitoring are provided information on self-quarantining, symptoms, and what to do if they develop symptoms.

Resources

McLean County Health Department website/social media: <https://health.mcleancountyil.gov/>

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