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Public Health Officials Announce Second COVID-19 Death

BLOOMINGTON, IL – The McLean County Health Department today reported one new case of coronavirus (COVID-19) as well as the second death related to COVID-19 in McLean County, Illinois. The individual was a male in his 70s who tested positive for COVID-19 in early March with no history of travel or exposure.

“We are saddened to report that another member of our community has died as a result of this virus. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family and friends,” said McLean County Health Department Administrator Jessica McKnight in a statement. “We remain dedicated to working closely with our local health care partners in response to the pandemic, and encourage the public to do their part to lessen the spread by observing the stay-at-home order.”

The new case reported today is a woman in her 80s, currently hospitalized. McLean County now has 18 confirmed cases of COVID-19.

Residents must be vigilant and continue to take preventative actions to prevent the spread of illness. Everyone has a role to play in staying healthy and keeping others healthy. Remember the 3 Cs – clean, cover, contain.

Clean

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.

Cover

- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- If no tissue is available, cough or sneeze into your upper sleeve, not your hands.

Contain

- Stay home when you are sick.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.

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For more information on COVID-19, contact the McLean County Health Department at (309)888-5450 or the Illinois Department of Public Health coronavirus hotline at 1-800-889-3931 or visit idph.illinois.gov (<http://dph.illinois.gov/covid19>) for questions and more information.

It is very important for the public to implement social distancing to limit the spread of this virus. Social distancing means putting distance between yourself and others and staying home as much as possible. Be mindful of those who are at a greater risk for contracting this virus, including older adults and those with certain health conditions.

Social distancing:

- **Stay home when you are sick**
- **Avoid mass gathering and large crowds (avoid social gatherings of more than 10 people)**
- **Limit the amount of time spent in the community (all non-essential activities need to be avoided)**
- **If you must pick up prescriptions or groceries, use caution and keep a 6ft distance from others.**
- **Work from home as much as possible**



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