



## McLean County Health Department COVID-19 Update April 10<sup>th</sup>, 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: 16,422 (as of 4/9/2020)
- Total deaths: 528 (as of 4/9/2020)

McLean County: <https://health.mcleancountyil.gov/708/CORONAVIRUS-COVID-19>

- Confirmed Cases – 69 (as of 4/9/2020)
- Deaths – 2 (as of 4/9/2020)

\*All data is provisional and will change.

### McLean County Health Department (MCHD) Activities

- MCHD staff are practicing social distancing and wearing facemasks per CDC guidance.
  - <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/cloth-face-cover.html>
- MCHD is still open with some service modifications. Clients are asked to reschedule appointments for services if sick.
  - Clients with cough are asked to wear a facemask while seeking services.
- Communicable Disease staff are tracking positive COVID-19 cases and investigating close contacts to determine need for isolation (COVID-19 positive) or quarantine (suspected to have been exposed to someone who is COVID-19 positive).
- MCHD continues its efforts with public health response by holding media briefings every M/W/F at 2:15 p.m. for the press and Facebook Sessions with community partners every Tues/Thurs at 2:15 p.m.
- MCHD is working with the McLean County Emergency Management Agency to identify alternative housing facilities for residents without stable housing who are ordered to isolate (symptomatic) or quarantine (suspected to have been exposed to a person with COVID-19).
- MCHD is coordinating response activities through the McLean County Emergency Operations Center.
- MCHD is seeking volunteers for the MCHD Medical Reserve Corps. <https://health.mcleancountyil.gov/273/Medical-Reserve-Corps>
- MCHD is promoting key messages to the public to practice non-pharmaceutical interventions, to only access medical services if experiencing severe symptoms and to follow the Shelter-In-Place Executive Order.
- MCHD is promoting event information and guidance to McLean County residents through website/social media
  - MCHD website: <https://health.mcleancountyil.gov/>
  - MCHD Facebook
  - MCHD Twitter
- MCHD has been improving communication methods with McLean County community partners and the McLean County Health Department through the following resources:
  - Agencies/organizations seeking guidance: 309-846-1071



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- 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](mailto:DPH.SICK@ILLINOIS.GOV)
- MCHD is encouraging residents who fit within the testing criteria to be tested at the Community-Based Testing Site located at the Interstate Center (Bloomington).
- MCHD is sharing Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidance provided with 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.

### Expectations for the Community

- Assume COVID-19 is in all of our communities and take the necessary precautions to protect yourself.
- Observe the Shelter-In-Place Executive Order and only leave your home if necessary.
- Observe CDC guidance regarding use of face masks in public.
  - <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/cloth-face-cover.html>
- Older people and people with severe chronic conditions should take special precautions because they are at higher risk of developing serious COVID-19 illness.
- All residents who fit testing criteria should seek testing at the Community-Based Testing Site located at the Interstate Center (1106 Interstate Drive, Bloomington).
  - Testing Criteria
    - First Responders and Medical Providers
    - Any resident with symptoms
      - 16 or older (16-17 need to be accompanied by a guardian)
    - Individuals with mild symptoms in communities experiencing high numbers of COVID-19 hospitalizations.
  - Symptoms include fever or cough or difficulty breathing.
  - The testing site is open 7 days per week from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm. (subject to change)
- 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
- For health questions about COVID-19, call the hotline at 1-800-889-3931 or email [dph.sick@illinois.gov](mailto:dph.sick@illinois.gov).
- Donation drop-off sites (personal protective equipment and homemade masks):
  - Bin inside the McLean County Sheriff's Office Lobby
  - Two recycling carts at the back door of the Ecology Action Center (202 W College Ave)
  - Please bag items with name and address.



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### COVID-19 Questions

If you have questions regarding COVID-19, the Illinois Department of Public Health has implemented a hotline to assist.

Call: 1-800-889-3931

Or Email: [DPH.SICK@ILLINOIS.GOV](mailto:DPH.SICK@ILLINOIS.GOV)

### Additional Resources

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

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention - <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>