



McLean County Health Department COVID-19 Update April 24th, 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: 36,934 (as of 4/23/2020)
- Total deaths: 1,688 (as of 4/23/2020)

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

- Confirmed Cases – 86 (as of 4/23/2020)
- Deaths – 3 (as of 4/23/2020)

*All data is provisional and will change.

McLean County Health Department (MCHD) Activities

- MCHD is monitoring cases of COVID-19 on populations by gender and race/ethnicity.
 - Gender: Female – 61.6% (53); Male – 38.4% (33)
 - Race: White – 54.7% (47); Black – 34.9% (30); Other—5.8% (5)
 - Ethnicity: Non-Hispanic – 91.9% (79); Hispanic – 8.1% (7)
- 86% of the confirmed cases have recovered.
- Disparities: 7.7% of the McLean County population is Black, but 34.9% of the COVID-19 confirmed cases are Black.
- MCHD has provided a digital communication package to community leaders to increase communication to populations disproportionately impacted by COVID-19.
- MCHD has conducted surveys through community leaders to ensure appropriate messaging per population.
- 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 is working with the McLean County Emergency Management Agency to identify alternate housing facilities for residents who need to be isolated (positive and symptomatic), quarantined (suspected to have been exposed to a person with COVID-19) or who are at increased vulnerability (65 or older or with underlying health conditions) who cannot remain at home.



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- 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 maintains communication with McLean County community partners through the following resources:
 - 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

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 (with or without symptoms)
 - Any resident with symptoms
 - Must be able to follow directions and to complete the self-swab on their own.
 - Minors must be accompanied by an adult.
 - Symptoms include fever or cough or difficulty breathing.



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- The testing site is open 7 days per week from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm. (subject to change)

- Practice non-pharmaceutical interventions recommended by the CDC, including:
 - Practice social distancing. Maintain at least 6 feet from others at all times.
 - Avoid sick people. Stay home when you are sick.
 - Wash hands (soap and water or use hand sanitizer that is at least 60% alcohol)
 - Cover cough and sneezes
 - Disinfect surfaces regularly

- 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.

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

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>