



McLean County Health Department COVID-19 Update May 8th, 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: 70,873 (as of 5/7/2020)
- Total deaths: 3,111 (as of 5/7/2020)

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

- Confirmed Cases – 110 (as of 5/7/2020)
- Deaths – 3 (as of 5/7/2020)

*All data is provisional and will change.

McLean County Health Department (MCHD) Activities

- MCHD is educating McLean County residents through social media and the MCHD website regarding preparations for maintaining social distance and non-pharmaceutical interventions during 'System Restore'.
- MCHD has been conducting activities to ensure that public messaging is appropriate for all McLean County populations, including:
 - Providing a digital communication package to community leaders
 - Conducting surveys through community leaders
 - Conducting a focus group to assess public messages
- MCHD is monitoring cases of COVID-19 on populations by gender and race/ethnicity.
 - Gender: Female – 61% (67); Male – 39% (43)
 - Race: White – 54.5% (60); Black – 33.6% (37); Other—5.5% (6)
 - Ethnicity: Non-Hispanic – 91.8% (101); Hispanic – 7.3% (8)
- 79% (87) of the confirmed cases have recovered.
- MCHD Environmental Health has been addressing complaints regarding violation of the governor's executive orders.
 - Approximately 50% of all complaints related to social distancing and non-essential business operations.
 - Approximately 18% of all complaints related to employees not wearing masks or gloves while working.
- MCHD is providing personal protective equipment (masks; gloves; gowns; face shields) to identified community partners.
- MCHD is still open with some service modifications. Clients are asked to reschedule appointments for services if sick.
 - All clients are asked to wear a face covering while seeking services.



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- 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).
- Communicable Disease staff are taken steps to increase contact tracing capabilities in preparation for 'System Restore'.
- MCHD is planning for the use of alternate housing and alternate care facilities.
- 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 medical emergencies and to follow current Executive Orders.
- 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

- Wear face covering in public when social distancing (at least 6 feet from other people) cannot be maintained.
 - Instructions to make face covering can be found at <https://health.mcleancountyil.gov/739/COVID-19-DIY-Face-Mask>
- 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 has changed to include the following
 - Symptomatic - Have COVID-19 symptoms (cough, shortness of breath, fever, chills, repeated shaking with chills, muscle pain)
 - Have a risk factor, such as contact with someone confirmed to have COVID-19 or a compromised immune system or a serious chronic medical condition
 - Essential Personnel (with or without symptoms)
 - Medical Personnel



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- Work in correctional facilities, such as jails or prisons
- First Responders
- Support critical infrastructure, such as workers in grocery stores, pharmacies, restaurants, gas stations, public utilities, factories, childcare and sanitation
- 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.
- The testing site is open 7 days per week from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm. (subject to change)
- Report violations of the governor's executive orders to McLean County law enforcement and the McLean County Health Department environmental health program.
- Assume COVID-19 is in all communities and take the necessary precautions to protect yourself.
- Observe the governor's executive orders 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.
- 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

COVID-19 Questions

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>