



## McLean County Health Department COVID-19 Update May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2020

### Event Status

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

Illinois: <https://www.dph.illinois.gov/covid19>

- Total Cases: 102,686 (as of 5/21/2020)
- Total deaths: 4,607 (as of 5/21/2020)

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

- MCHD is monitoring cases of COVID-19 on populations by gender and race/ethnicity.
  - Gender: Female – 60% (118); Male – 40% (79)
  - Race: White – 62.4% (123); Black – 26.9% (53); Other—3.0% (6)
  - Ethnicity: Non-Hispanic – 88.8% (175); Hispanic – 6.6% (13)
- 59.9% (118) of the confirmed cases have recovered.
- Confirmed Cases – 197 (as of 5/21/2020)
- Deaths – 9 (as of 5/21/2020)

\*All data is provisional and will change.

### McLean County Health Department (MCHD) Activities

- MCHD is working with community partners (hospitals, higher education, FQHC) to plan for community-based testing efforts.
- MCHD is educating McLean County residents through social media and the MCHD website regarding preparations for maintaining social distance and non-pharmaceutical interventions while the state prepares to re-open through the phase approach outlined in 'Restore Illinois'.
- MCHD is communicating with local elected officials, community leaders, and regional Health Department Administrators to evaluate the county's potential participation in 'Heart of IL' plan to re-open through a phase approach in a sub-region of the 'Restore Illinois' plan.
- 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 Environmental Health has been addressing complaints regarding violation of the governor's executive orders.
- MCHD is providing personal protective equipment (masks; gloves; gowns; face shields) and hand sanitizer to identified community partners.



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- 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.
- 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 taking steps to increase contact tracing capabilities in preparation for increased cases during 'Restore Illinois'.
- 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 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](mailto:DPH.SICK@ILLINOIS.GOV)

### Expectations for the Community

- 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



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- 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>

### COVID-19 Questions

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>