I want to know more about COVID-19, who should I call?

For general questions about COVID-19, call the IDPH COVID-19 Hotline at 1 800 889 3931 or email DPH.SICK@illinois.gov. Note the Hotline does not make decisions about who should be tested for COVID-19.

I am not feeling well and have respiratory symptoms, what should I do?

• Stay home for at least 7 days after you first became ill, or 72 hours after your fever has resolved and symptoms are improving, whichever is longer.
• You should consult with your doctor if you have:
  • Fever, cough, trouble breathing, or other flu like symptoms that are not better or are worsening after 24-48 hours.
  • Mild symptoms and are pregnant, have a weakened immune system, have chronic health conditions or are an older adult (60+).

Don’t call the health department about getting testing

• Your health care provider will determine if you should be tested and, if necessary, contact the health department.
• Health departments do not collect specimens for COVID-19.

I think I need immediate medical attention, who should I call?

• If you need immediate medical attention, and you think you may have COVID-19, call ahead to your health care provider before going in for care. This will allow them to take the right steps to protect themselves and other patients.
• If you think you are having a medical emergency, call 911; if you have been exposed to COVID-19, notify dispatch personnel so emergency medical services personnel are prepared.