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Ford County, IL Daily COVID-19 Update

Ford County Public Health Department (FCPHD) is announcing one new case of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19). The individual is a female in her 40's.

Please note, we learned one of the previous reported cases does not reside in Ford County. Therefore, with the announcement of today's new case, Ford County has a total of nine confirmed cases. There has been one COVID-19 related death. Two of the confirmed cases are associated with congregate living facilities. These numbers are accurate as of the release time. Public health officials continue to investigate and contact all individuals who may have had exposure to individuals that tested positive for COVID-19. Federal privacy restrictions prohibit the release of any further information.

FCPHD continues to encourage all residents to conduct preventive measures, practice social distancing, and follow Governor Pritzker's Stay at Home Executive Order, which will be extended through May 30, 2020. COVID-19 appears to spread from person-to-person mainly with close contact (less than 6 feet), but may also be spread by a surface that has the virus and then touching one's mouth, nose, or possibly one's eyes. Illinois Department of Public Health states that the spread is through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs or sneezes.

New COVID-19 Symptoms

According to the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), people with COVID-19 have had a wide range of symptoms reported – ranging from mild symptoms to severe illness. Symptoms may appear 2-14 days after exposure to the virus and have commonly included fever, cough, and shortness of breath. The CDC has now added six symptoms to its list that indicate someone might have the disease.

These six additional symptoms include:

1. Chills
2. Repeated shaking with chills
3. Muscle pain
4. Headache
5. Sore throat
6. New loss of taste or smell

People with these symptoms or combinations of symptoms may have COVID-19 and should contact their health care provider. The CDC adds that the current list of symptoms is not all inclusive, and to consult a medical provider for any other symptoms that are severe or concerning. Before seeking medical treatment, it is important individuals state they have or think they have COVID-19. People should seek medical attention immediately if they have trouble breathing, persistent pain or pressure in the chest, new confusion, inability to arouse, or bluish lips or face.

Please continue to visit our website (www.fordcountyphd.org) and follow our Facebook page for additional COVID-19 resources and updates. For general questions about COVID-19, call the Illinois Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) Hotline at 1(800) 889-3931 or send an email to: DPH.SICK@ILLINOIS.GOV anytime, 24 hours a day, seven days a week.