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Ford County, IL Daily COVID-19 Update

Ford County Public Health Department (FCPHD) is announcing one new confirmed case today. The individual is a male in his 70's and associated with a congregate living facility.

Ford County now has a total of 13 confirmed cases, including one death. Three 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 has been 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.

FCPHD Accepting Mask Donations

Illinoisans are currently required to wear a face covering or mask in public, and FCPHD wants to ensure community members have what they need to meet that requirement and stay protected. Therefore, FCPHD is accepting mask and cloth face covering donations to help distribute to community members in need. Any person in need of a face covering or interested in donating to the cause, should contact the FCPHD office, Monday through Friday, 8:00 am to 4:30 pm. As a reminder, the FCPHD office is currently closed to the public, so please call the office before dropping off or picking up supplies. The FCPHD office number is (217) 379-9281.

If donating a cloth face covering the following specifications should be met:

- Be made from several layers of fabric that can still be breathed through
- Be large enough to reach above the nose, below the chin, and completely cover the mouth and nostrils
- Be able to be secured with ear straps or ties for behind the head
- Be able to be washed and dried without damaging the material or shape

Please follow the CDC's guidance on how to make a face mask:

- Use of Cloth Face Coverings to Help Slow the Spread of COVID-19 - <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/diy-cloth-face-coverings.html>
- How to Make Your own Face Covering YouTube video - <https://youtu.be/tPx1yqvJgf4>

We ask that you 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.