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Ford County, IL Daily COVID-19 Update

Ford County Public Health Department (FCPHD) is announcing no new confirmed cases today. Ford County has a total of 14 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.

Illinois COVID-19 Statistics

The Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) COVID-19 Statistics webpage offers numerical data such as the total number of COVID-19 positive (confirmed) cases and deaths at state and county levels. Please note, counties reporting zip code data have more than five cases per zip code. This is consistent with Collection, Disclosure, and Confidentiality of Health Statistics (77 Ill. Adm. Code 1005). According to 77 Ill. Adm. Code 1005, FCPHD cannot release information by town or zip code because six or more confirmed cases has not occurred in a Ford County zip code. FCPHD will release zip code data should it become applicable.

To view statewide COVID-19 data, visit: <https://www.dph.illinois.gov/covid19/covid19-statistics>.

To view COVID-19 data specific to Ford County, visit: <https://fordcountyphd.org/covid-19/ford-county-cases>.

For information on long term care facilities with cases of COVID-19 among residents and staff, please visit:

<https://www.dph.illinois.gov/covid19/long-term-care-facility-outbreaks-covid-19>. Information provided at this link is provisional, subject to change, and updated weekly. Facilities report data to their local health departments, which in-turn report to IDPH, so lag time and discrepancies are to be expected.

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.