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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 18 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.

- For zip code level information on confirmed positive COVID-19 cases, please visit the IDPH Virtual map at: <https://www.dph.illinois.gov/covid19/covid19-statistics>. Please note, data will not be shown unless a zip code has six or more confirmed cases. This is consistent with Collection, Disclosure, and Confidentiality of Health Statistics (77 Ill. Adm. Code 1005). Zip code area 60957 is now being reported.
- 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.

COVID-19 Testing Sites

The Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) continues to expand its COVID-19 testing sites. Last week, the State announced new drive-thru testing facilities that included locations in Chicago's southside, Champaign, Rolling Meadows, and Peoria. These community services will be open seven days a week to test individuals with COVID-19 symptoms and those employees who support critical services. Additional accommodations have been made for essential workers with or without COVID-like symptoms.

The nearest drive-thru testing sites to Ford County include:

- Champaign, IL - Market Place Shopping Ctr 2000 N. Neil Street
Open 8:00 am to 4:00 pm, while daily supplies last
- Bloomington, IL - 1106 Interstate Drive
Open 9:00 am to 5:00 pm, while daily supplies last
Please note, this site is closing May 22

All individuals with COVID-19 symptoms are encouraged to seek testing at one of the State's Community Based Testing Sites. Testing at these sites is a free service that can be obtained without a doctor's referral. While this is a free service, you will be asked to show 1) photo identification and 2) healthcare employee or first responder ID/badge, if applicable.

Patients utilizing drive-thru testing sites must be seated at a functioning window. Once in line, individuals will not be permitted to exit their car. Drive-thru sites will not be able to accommodate walk-up individuals. Currently, walk-up testing services are only available in Peoria and East St. Louis. Dozens of additional commercial testing sites are also available throughout the state. For the most up-to-date list of these sites, visit <https://coronavirus.illinois.gov/s/testing-sites>. There residents can also find information on eligibility for testing and contact information for each testing site.