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Ford County, IL COVID-19 Update

Ford County Public Health Department (FCPHD) is announcing no new confirmed cases today. Ford County has a total of 21 confirmed cases. There has been one COVID-19 related 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 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.

Restore Illinois – Phase 3 Recovery

All four regions of the state are expected to advance to Phase 3 of the Restore Illinois Plan on Friday, May 29, allowing many residents to return to work, and the reopening of businesses in the following industries: retail, offices, manufacturing, personal care services, service counters, health and fitness centers, summer programs, various outdoor recreation activities and bars and restaurants for outdoor dining. It is important to note that these businesses and activities can resume in Phase 3 with Illinois Department of Public Health-approved safety guidance in place.

To prepare businesses and employers to implement the new safety guidelines, the State of Illinois has developed a business toolkit complete with signage, training checklists, and other resources to ensure business and activities are conducted in accordance with the latest public health recommendations. Each set of guidelines includes a common set of guidelines that are expected and encouraged among all employers and activity types, as well as workplace and program-specific guidelines.

These resources can be found on the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity website at <https://www2.illinois.gov/dceo/pages/restoreILP3.aspx>. For additional resources on reopening, please visit the *Reopening* webpage of FCPHD's website at <https://fordcountyphd.org/covid-19/reopening>.

Visit FCPHD's website (www.fordcountyphd.org) and follow FCPHD on 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.