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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.

Safety During Phase 3

Today, all four regions of the state advance to Phase 3 of the Restore Illinois Plan, allowing many residents to return to work, and the reopening of businesses in 10 different industries. Reopening requires everyone to move forward together by practicing social distancing and other daily habits to reduce the spread of COVID-19. As the county moves into Phase 3, please keep safety at the forefront to protect the well-being of Ford County communities.

- **Wash hands often.** Wash hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds especially after you have been in a public place, or after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing. If soap and water are not readily available, use a hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.
- **Avoid close contact.** Avoid close contact with people who are sick, even inside your home. Stay at least six feet from others when in public.
- **Wear a cloth face covering or mask.** Everyone over age two and able to medically tolerate a face covering should wear one when going out in public.
- **Cover coughs and sneezes.** Always cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze or use the inside of your elbow.
- **Clean and disinfect.** Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces daily.
- **Monitor your health.** Watch for fever, cough, shortness of breath, or other symptoms of COVID-19. Stay home if you are sick. If you have symptoms of COVID-19, call your health care provider.

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.