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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.

COVID-19 - Monitor Your Health

As businesses reopen, it is important every person take steps to help keep employees and customers safe. Simple steps every person can take is to be alert for COVID-19 symptoms and stay home if sick. Individuals sick with COVID-19 or who think they might have COVID-19, should stay home, except to get medical care.

As a reminder, commonly reported COVID-19 symptoms include:

- Fever
- Cough
- Sore throat
- Headache
- Muscle aches
- Shortness of breath/difficulty breathing
- Abdominal discomfort
- Vomiting
- Diarrhea
- Repeated shaking with chills
- New loss of taste or smell

According to the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), symptoms may appear 2-14 days after exposure to the virus. People with these symptoms or combinations of symptoms should contact their health care provider. Before seeking medical treatment, it is important individuals state they have or think they have COVID-19. People should seek medical attention immediately if they have trouble breathing, persistent pain or pressure in the chest, new confusion, inability to arouse, or bluish lips or face.

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.