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Ford County, IL COVID-19 Update

Ford County Public Health Department (FCPHD) is reporting 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.

All Illinois Community-Based Testing Sites Open

All community-based testing sites are open today, June 3, after being closed on June 1 and 2. There are dozens of sites across the state that provide COVID-19 testing. The State of Illinois oversees 11 community-based testing sites, which offer COVID-19 testing for free. Other public and private sites are not run by the State of Illinois and may have different testing requirements.

Testing at the community-based testing sites is now available for people who:

- Have COVID-19 symptoms (cough, shortness of breath and fever) OR
- Have a risk factor, such as
- Contact with someone confirmed to have COVID-19
- A compromised immune system or a serious chronic medical condition

Testing at the community-based testing sites is also available for those with or without symptoms who:

- Work in a health care facility
- Work in prisons or jails
- Work as a government employee
- Serve as first responders, such as paramedics, emergency medical technicians, law enforcement officers, or firefighters
- Support critical infrastructure, such as workers in grocery stores, pharmacies, restaurants, gas stations, public utilities, factories, childcare and sanitation

A list of testing sites and their requirements can be found online at coronavirus.illinois.gov/s/testing-sites or dph.illinois.gov/testing.