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### Ford County, IL COVID-19 Update

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

#### **State Announces Community-Based Testing Sites Now Allow Anyone to Get Tested, Regardless of Symptoms**

The State of Illinois is opening its community-based testing sites to anyone to get tested, regardless of symptoms or other criteria. "As we move forward, COVID-19 testing must be widely available and this is a step in that direction," said Illinois Emergency Management Agency (IEMA) Director Alicia Tate-Nadeau. "The state-operated Community-Based Testing Sites currently have the capacity to test more than 6,000 people per day, and now there will be no restrictions to who can be tested for this potentially deadly virus."

No appointment, doctor referral, or insurance is needed at state operated drive-thru sites and testing is available at no cost to the individual.

The virus has been found to spread between people up to a couple days before people start showing symptoms. Because of this, the number of people an infected person could unknowingly expose can be exponential. The Illinois Department of Public Health is recommending anyone who has recently been part of a mass gathering, including rallies and protests over the past week, get tested for COVID-19.

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

A list of public and private testing sites can be found online at [coronavirus.illinois.gov/s/testing-sites](https://coronavirus.illinois.gov/s/testing-sites) or [dph.illinois.gov/testing](https://dph.illinois.gov/testing).