



## Ford County Public Health Department

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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 22 confirmed cases. 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.

#### How to Avoid Scams, Fraud, & Rumor During an Emergency

When a disaster or emergency affects a community, it is normal for the people in that community to come together. Many people go out of their way to care for each other and find ways to get involved. But other people may try to profit off or take advantage of people's fear and anxiety.

#### How to protect yourself & others

As scammers and fraudsters get more advanced in their planning and execution, it is important that everyone be careful. Here are some tips from the FCC to help you protect yourself from scams, including coronavirus scams:

- Protect important paperwork and keep personal information secure. That includes never sharing your personal or financial information through email, text messages, or over the phone.
- Do not open or respond to calls, texts, or emails from unknown senders. Scammers often "spoof" phone numbers to trick you into answering or responding. Spoofing makes it appear as if their phone call is coming from a known or trusted phone number or familiar geographic location.
- Be cautious if you are being pressured to share personal information over email or the phone. Government agencies will never call you to ask for personal information or money.
- Hover over links (hold the mouse cursor) sent to you in an email or text message. If anyone sends you a text or email with a suspicious link and spelling errors, or if the message just seems out of character for the sender (maybe a friend or family member), call them to make sure they weren't hacked.
- Do your homework: Check to make sure a charity is legitimate by calling them or looking at its actual website before donating.
- Report COVID-19 and other disaster-related scams to the National Center for Disaster Fraud at 866-720-5721 or [disaster@leo.gov](mailto:disaster@leo.gov).