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Ford County, IL COVID-19 Update

Ford County Public Health Department (FCPHD) is announcing three new confirmed cases. The individuals include a female in her 50's, a male in his 40's, and a male in his 90's. Two of the confirmed cases are associated with congregate living facilities.

Ford County has a total of 37 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.

FCPHD continues to encourage all residents to conduct preventive measures, including practicing three key steps (The 3 W's): wash your hands, watch your distance, and wear a face covering. COVID-19 appears to spread from person-to-person mainly with close contact (less than 6 feet), but may also be spread by a surface that has the virus and then touching one's mouth, nose, or possibly one's eyes. Illinois Department of Public Health states that the spread is through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person speaks, coughs or sneezes.

COVID-19 in Illinois

- 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 areas 60957 and 60936 are 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.
- For county-level COVID-19 risk metrics, please visit: http://dph.illinois.gov/countymetrics.
- For information on Restore Illinois and Phase 4, please visit: https://www.dph.illinois.gov/restore.
- For a listing of COVID-19 testing sites in Illinois, please visit: https://www.dph.illinois.gov/testing. This is not a comprehensive list of testing sites. Locations are continuously being added as information is provided. Some locations have asked not to be named.

Please continue to visit our website (www.fordcountyphd.org) and follow our 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.