



# McDonough District Hospital

## COVID-19 UPDATE

MARCH

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### NEWS UPDATE

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### [www.MDH.org/COVID19](http://www.MDH.org/COVID19)

Click on McDonough District Hospitals website for the latest information on COVID-19.

### FACEBOOK

Facebook.com/McDonough.District.Hospital for the latest news, infographics, and videos shared by the Hospital.

### VIDEO - YouTube

Search the McDonough District Hospital YouTube channel for past and present video clips.

### TWITTER & INSTAGRAM

Follow @MDH\_Hospital on both Twitter and Instagram.

### COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP

McDonough District Hospital is proud to work with the McDonough County Health Department and McDonough County Emergency Services and Disaster Agency during this COVID-19 Pandemic.



McDonough County  
Health Department

[www.MCHdept.com](http://www.MCHdept.com)

Lynnette Cale, MS, CHES - Administrator



[www.MCESDA.com](http://www.MCESDA.com)

Edgar R. Rodriguez – Director



### EDWIN CARD, MD, FACS

Chief Medical Officer  
McDonough District Hospital

"If you have a flu-like illness, please stay home, hydrate, and avoid contact with other people. If you experience shortness of breath, then you should call your primary care provider immediately."

585

Confirmed COVID-19 cases  
in the state of Illinois  
(Illinois Department of Public  
Health: [DPH.Illinois.gov](http://DPH.Illinois.gov))  
as of March 20

0

Number of confirmed  
COVID-19 cases in  
McDonough County (per  
McDonough County Health  
Department) as of March 20

5

Community and County leaders  
were interviewed on the latest  
COVID-19 update video. Learn  
more on what MDH, Macomb City  
and McDonough County is doing  
to protect and update citizens on  
the pandemic.

**TENT ENTRANCE TO MDH:** The tan tent located outside of the Emergency Room at McDonough District Hospital currently serves as the point of entry for screening of patients and visitors to enter the hospital. This initial point of screening outside of the building will help protect the hospital from exposure to the virus. Signage is posted on the tent. Thank you for your cooperation.

**COMMUNITY UPDATE VIDEOS ON SOCIAL MEDIA:** Two update videos with leaders from McDonough District Hospital, City of Macomb, and McDonough County are currently available on the Facebook pages of MDH, McDonough County ESDA, and other civic pages. Learn more on what the Macomb and McDonough County leaders are doing to keep everyone safe and protected during the current COVID-19 pandemic.

**COVID-19 & INFLUENZA PROCEDURES:** McDonough District Hospital is working with the McDonough County Health Department and McDonough County Emergency Services and Disaster Agency during the COVID-19 crisis.

The safest course of action for a person feeling mild-to-moderate flu-like symptoms of fever, cough, and shortness of breath is to self-quarantine in their home and to call their healthcare provider to determine the next step in their care. MDH follows the County Health Department and Illinois Department of Public Health screening protocols for COVID-19.

COVID-19 test kits are NOT being handed out to the public. MDH does screen for Influenza.

If a patient displays symptoms of COVID-19 a test may be performed if they meet testing criteria. If a person is experiencing symptoms of fever, cough, or shortness of breath they should call their primary care provider. If they do not have a primary care provider, call the MDH Family Clinic or MDH Convenience Clinic at (309) 837-6937.

**HOSPITAL INCIDENT COMMAND SYSTEM IMPLEMENTED:** In response to the State of Illinois declaring a State of Emergency due to COVID-19, McDonough District Hospital proactively initiated its Hospital Incident Command System protocols on March 12. The hospital has continually been monitoring the COVID-19 progress and acting accordingly, implementing HICS was done to officially start the organization-wide planning process. The organization's Incident Commander is Wanda Foster, MDH Vice President/Chief Nursing Officer. MDH will continue to meet regularly with the McDonough County Health Department and the McDonough County Emergency Services and Disaster Agency (ESDA) to monitor the situation.