

McDonough District Hospital COVID-19 UPDATE

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NEWS UPDATE

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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.

McDonough County has established a new Facebook page to help share information surrounding news and events related to COVID-19. The Facebook page is called McDonough County Emergency Information (Facebook.com/McDonoughEmergencyInformation). The page is maintained by the McDonough County Joint Information Center.

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.



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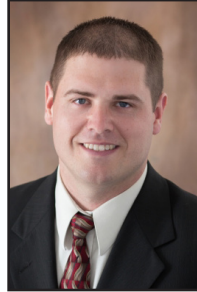
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"COVID-19 has turned our world upside down and the days ahead are uncertain. We still do not have a confirmed case of COVID-19 in McDonough County, and this is a testament to our community and your willingness to comply with the shelter in place guidelines. We are all becoming more restless and it is more difficult all the time to avoid our friends and neighbors. The number of cases in the state of Illinois has doubled since Saturday, now nearly 7,000 cases reported on April 1. The prediction for the peak of the virus in Illinois is still two weeks away. It is very important during this time we try to continue with social distancing and maintain 6 feet apart whenever possible. MDH continues to prepare for the virus but we are also continuing to try to provide the best care for all of our patients' other needs. We are working on increasing our telehealth capabilities and expect to have both primary care and specialty appointments available by next week."

6,980

Confirmed COVID-19 cases in the state of Illinois (Illinois Department of Public Health: DPH.Illinois.gov) as of April 1

0

Number of confirmed COVID-19 cases in McDonough County (per McDonough County Health Department) as of April 1.

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Number of counties bordering McDonough County, and the total number of combined positive COVID-19 tests among residents of those five counties as of April 1. (DPH.Illinois.gov)

DRIVE-THRU SCREENING STATION HOURS CHANGE: Starting on Thursday, April 2, the hours of the MDH drive-thru screening station will change slightly. The station will be open from 8 a.m. until 6 p.m. and will continue to operate seven days a week. Patients must get pre-registered to access the drive-thru.

The nurse triage telephone hotline will remain from 7 a.m.-7 p.m. seven days a week. If a person is experiencing symptoms of fever, cough, or shortness of breath they should call the nurse triage hotline at (309) 836-1715 or their primary care provider.

Patients that have not called the MDH nurse triage hotline or their primary care provider will be asked to call the hotline to pre-register. All testing requires an order by a physician or nurse practitioner. We ask for no more than two occupants per vehicle.

MDH ANNOUNCES UPDATED VISITOR POLICY: For the safety of staff and patients, MDH implemented a No Visitor policy for inpatients and all outpatient services and clinics, but will allow limited exceptions.

Those limited exceptions include:

- An obstetrics patient may have one designated visitor (the significant other or support person during labor and delivery).
- A minor who is a patient may have one parent or guardian.
- One visitor per adult inpatient per day for a patient with extenuating circumstances (such as end-of-life or trauma).
- Children or patients with special needs may have one visitor with them.

All visitors meeting one of those exceptions must be 18 years or older. Every visitor will be screened for signs of a fever, respiratory illness, and cough. Visitors will also be asked if they have been tested for COVID-19 and whether the results are pending or positive.

If a visitor runs a fever of 100.5 or show symptoms of respiratory illness they will not be allowed to enter the hospital and directed to head home or encouraged to call the MDH Convenience Clinic or their primary care provider.