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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"We all had hoped to be one of the only counties with no positive COVID-19 patients. Now that we know we are not invincible and do have positives, let's strive to be the county with the fewest COVID patients. Please continue all of our good practices and maintain social distancing, hand washing, and appropriate wearing of masks to help prevent spreading the disease. Let's double down our efforts to stay safe."

22,025
Confirmed COVID-19 cases in the state of Illinois (Illinois Department of Public Health: DPH.Illinois.gov) as of April 13

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Confirmed COVID-19 case by a McDonough County resident (per McDonough County Health Department) as of April 13

57/5
Number of NEGATIVE tests results from McDonough County. & Number of PENDING tests results from McDonough County (as of April 13... these numbers are fluid and should be considered an estimate).

HEALTH DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES TWO MORE POSITIVES: The Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) and McDonough County Health Department (MCHD) announced Monday two additional positive COVID-19 cases from McDonough County. One is a female in her 20s and another is a female in her 60s. In both cases the person is isolating at home and CDC protocols have been implemented. Public health officials are working to identify and actively monitor individuals who were in contact with the respective patient in an effort to reduce the risk of additional transmission. With community spread of COVID-19 occurring across Illinois, all residents should take precautions to minimize transmission of illness. MCHD strongly urges all residents to please follow recommendations set forth by CDC and the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH), including social distancing and continuing to abide by the Stay at Home Order issued by the Governor for the health and safety of the entire community.

FAMILY CLINIC HOURS CHANGE: Starting today (Monday), the MDH Family Clinic changed its hours of operation. The new hours Monday through Friday are from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. This new schedule **DOES NOT** change the MDH Convenience Clinic hours.

NEW MOLECULAR TESTING OPTION FOR PROVIDERS: The MDH Laboratory announced new molecular viral respiratory testing to assist in ruling out potential SARS-COV-2 diagnoses during this COVID-19 pandemic. These new tests are all FDA approved on all age groups. Running a Viral Respiratory Panel would allow providers to rule out such diagnoses as: Influenza A & B, RSV, and Human Metapneumovirus.

According to Laboratory Director Brittany Doll MS, HTL (ASCP), "If the patient requires COVID-19 testing, in addition to a Viral Respiratory Panel, we collect a single nasal pharyngeal swab in viral transport media (VTM). This specimen alone is enough for us to run all the required tests. Additionally, we can employ reflex methodologies with the lateral flow immunoassays currently utilized. For example, if a "Rapid Influenza Standard" or "Rapid RSV" is ordered, and comes back initially as negative, we can run the VRP. This will either verify the negative result, or disprove the less sensitive test initially performed and conclude a positive result. We had that situation occur where a test was initially negative but after running a VRP the test came back positive for Influenza."

TELEHEALTH SERVICES AVAILABLE: McDonough District Hospital has expanded outpatient TeleHealth services amid the current COVID-19 pandemic to better serve its patients. MDH providers will utilize a program called Doxy.me for a video visit with their patients. There is no software to download or accounts to create with this new TeleHealth service. All that a patient needs is a computer or device with a camera and microphone. All the data is encrypted and no patient information is stored on Doxy.me. All HIPAA privacy requirements are met with this new service. Patients with questions about the TeleHealth service can call their respective clinic.