

APRIL **24**

NEWS UPDATE Contact:

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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.



www.mchdept.com

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McDonough District Hospital COVID-19 UPDATE



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Director - Behavioral Health Services McDonough District Hospital

"The recent outbreak of the coronavirus has created stress for all of us. Uncertainty and an inability to control one's circumstances are primary precipitants to experiencing anxiety. If you find your anxiety is interfering with your sleeping habits, if there's a change in your eating pattern, if you are feeling constantly on edge, or if your level of sadness or loneliness escalates, you may want to consider speaking with a mental health professional.

TeleHealth services are provided by MDH Behavioral Health Services, allowing for virtual interaction with a therapist. You are able to remain in your own home ensuring your safety during our current health crisis and meet with a mental health provider using your desktop, laptop, tablet, or mobile device. Services remain confidential."

39,658

Confirmed COVID-19 cases in the state of Illinois (Illinois Department of Public Health: DPH.Illinois.gov) as of April 24 5

Confirmed COVID-19 cases by a McDonough County resident (per McDonough County Health Department) as of April 24 115/9

Number of NEGATIVE test results from McDonough County & Number of PENDING tests from McDonough County (as of April 24... these numbers are fluid & should be considered an estimate).

FIFTH POSITIVE IN McDONOUGH COUNTY (www.mchdept.com): The McDonough County Health Department (MCHD) announces that a fifth McDonough County resident has tested positive for COVID-19. The resident is a male in his 50s. He is isolating at home and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) protocols have been implemented. This case is not related to any of the other four positive cases within the county. Public health officials are working to identify and actively monitor individuals who were in contact with the resident in an effort to reduce the risk of additional transmission.

DID YOU KNOW?: As of April 23, Illinois recorded the sixth-most COVID-19 cases in the United States. New York, New Jersey, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, and California rank ahead of Illinois, which is just ahead of Michigan.

LAB DRAW HOURS AT THE DRIVE-THRU SCREENING STATION: Patients can have routine blood draws performed at the drive-thru screening station from 7-11 a.m. There will be a special time from 7-8 a.m. specifically for patients that are immunocompromised or high risk. All patients utilizing this service will need to call (309) 836-1585 to be preregistered and scheduled as this requires a physician order. During inclement weather, this will be performed at the hospital.

NEW COLUMN FEATURE: Special thanks to MDH Behavioral Health Services Director Kim Laird, MS, LCPC, for the department's inaugural column on topics surrounding COVID-19. A portion of the column is featured above, while the link to the entire column can be found on the Behavioral Health Services page on MDH.org.

TIME FOR A VIDEO VISIT: Feeling ill and don't want to leave the comfort of your home? Do you have a regularly scheduled appointment but for safety reasons would like to stay at home? MDH patients can now bring their provider to them. MDH providers will utilize a program called Doxy.me for a video visit with patients.

MDH clinics with the capability to offer TeleHealth include:

- Behavioral Health Services (Outpatient)
- Ear, Nose and Throat Family Clinic
- OB/GYN

- Orthopedics
- Pediatrics
- Psvchiatry

Bushnell Family Practice

· Sports Medicine/Rehabilitation Occupational, Physical, and Speech Therapy