



# McDonough District Hospital COVID-19 UPDATE

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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.

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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“Over the weekend two events occurred regarding COVID testing. In the first, testing was opened up so that essentially anyone who is symptomatic could be tested. In the second, permission was given to resume elective surgery but a COVID test 72 hours prior to any procedure is required. The combination of these two decisions may make testing in shorter supply than it has been. With this in mind I would ask that everyone seek physician guidance about whether or not they need to be tested or call the nurse triage hotline and discuss it with them. While everyone can be tested it would not be difficult to overwhelm the system and delay testing for people who truly need a test done.”

50,355

Confirmed COVID-19 cases in the state of Illinois (Illinois Department of Public Health: [DPH.Illinois.gov](http://DPH.Illinois.gov)) as of April 29

14

Confirmed COVID-19 cases by a McDonough County resident (per McDonough County Health Department) as of April 29

162/42

Number of NEGATIVE test results from McDonough County & Number of PENDING tests from McDonough County (as of April 29... these numbers are fluid & should be considered an estimate).

**COUNTY SEES INCREASE TO 14 POSITIVE CASES ([www.mchdept.com](http://www.mchdept.com)):** Following Tuesday's announcement of five new test results positive for COVID-19 and two more on Wednesday, the McDonough County Health Department (MCHD) announced there are now 14 cases. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) protocols have been implemented. Public health officials are working to identify and actively monitor individuals who were in contact with the residents in an effort to reduce the risk of additional transmission. Due to Federal privacy restrictions, the release of any additional information on these cases is prohibited.

**DEFINING AN OUTBREAK:** In Tuesday's and Wednesday's press release the McDonough County Health Department mentioned an outbreak. The Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) defines an outbreak at an Assisted Living facility as **one or more positive case(s) along with others that are ill with symptoms.**

**IDPH NEW TESTING GUIDELINES:** Earlier this week the IDPH loosened guidelines for getting a COVID-19 test. Anyone with COVID-19-like illness or symptoms can get a test, even without a doctor's order.

As testing capacity expands, testing is now available for people who: have COVID-19 symptoms or have a risk factor (contact with a confirmed COVID-19 case or having a compromised immune system/serious chronic medical condition).

Testing is also available for those with or without symptoms who: work in a healthcare facility; work in a correctional facility; serve as first responders; or support critical infrastructure (work in grocery stores, pharmacies, restaurants, gas stations, public utilities, factories, childcare, and sanitation).

**NEW SYMPTOM CHECKER FROM CDC:** Per the IDPH Twitter account - The @CDCgov recently announced six additional symptoms being seen in some individuals with COVID-19. According to the CDC, symptoms may appear 2-14 days after exposure to the virus.

People with these symptoms or combinations of symptoms may have COVID-19:

- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing

Or at least two of these symptoms:

- Fever
- Chills
- Repeated shaking with chills
- Muscle pain
- Headache
- Sore throat
- New loss of taste or smell