



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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“The most recent Federal data has come out showing when the number of COVID-19 patients will peak in certain states. Illinois is to peak on April 20. This means that those who will be infectious at that time have not even been exposed to the virus yet. Therefore, it is imperative now more than ever to maintain social distancing and follow the recommended shelter in place guidelines. If we continue to do this, we will minimize the effect the virus will have locally.”

8,904

Confirmed COVID-19 cases in the state of Illinois (Illinois Department of Public Health: DPH.Illinois.gov) as of April 3

0

Number of confirmed COVID-19 cases in McDonough County (per McDonough County Health Department) as of April 3

5 / 0

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 3 (DPH.Illinois.gov)

EXPANDED TELEHEALTH OPTION: McDonough District Hospital announces expanded outpatient services amid the current COVID-19 pandemic to better serve its patients. Starting Monday (April 6), MDH will expand its capability for TeleHealth services within the outpatient clinics. 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.

According to Peter Rao, Vice President of the MDH Medical Group, some MDH providers have already begun to use the TeleHealth service with positive results and feedback. This allows patients, concerned about going out due to the Stay at Home order, to keep their regularly scheduled appointment time.

“During this time of social distancing, it is important to ensure that we still continue to take care of all our patients. TeleHealth gives the opportunity to visually assess and manage the health of our patients,” said Rao.

LAB DRAW HOURS AT THE DRIVE-THRU SCREENING STATION: Starting on Monday (April 6) 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 pre-registered and scheduled as this requires a physician order. During inclement weather, this will be performed at the hospital.

DRIVE-THRU SCREENING STATION HOURS CHANGE: The drive-thru screening station is currently open from 8 a.m. until 6 p.m. and operates seven days a week. Patients must be 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.