



McDonough District Hospital COVID-19 UPDATE

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8

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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“Now that two surrounding counties (Hancock and Schuyler) have announced a positive test, it reemphasizes the importance of social distancing, following the stay at home guidelines, and wearing a mask when possible if you are out in the public. Cloth masks may not stop someone from getting COVID-19, but they help contain your own secretions. If we follow these guidelines, we can help slow the spread of the virus.”

15,078

Confirmed COVID-19 cases in the state of Illinois (Illinois Department of Public Health: DPH.Illinois.gov) as of April 8

0

Number of confirmed COVID-19 cases in McDonough County (per McDonough County Health Department) as of April 8

44/7

Number of NEGATIVE tests results from McDonough County & Number of PENDING tests results from McDonough County (as of April 8... these numbers are fluid and should be considered an estimate).

FAMILY CLINIC HOURS CHANGE: Starting on Monday, April 13, the MDH Family Clinic will change 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.

The MDH Family Clinic staff will contact patients who may have appointment times changed due to the new schedule. The regular scheduled hours of operation will resume after the pandemic is over.

STORAGE CONTAINERS ARRIVE: The first two storage containers arrived at the McDonough District Hospital parking lot on Wednesday. These containers, painted white with a red cross, are placed on both sides of the drive-thru screening station to provide shelter for the staff from the elements and help shield the screening station from the wind, while also allowing for equipment storage capabilities.

TWO POSITIVES IN SURROUNDING COUNTIES: It was announced on Wednesday that Hancock and Schuyler County each recorded its first positive COVID-19 case.

REMINDER FROM THE McDONOUGH COUNTY ESDA and HEALTH DEPARTMENT: The McDonough County Emergency Services and Disaster Agency (ESDA) sent out a reminder on Wednesday morning.

“We know it is nice outside, but if you have to go out, please maintain social distance. If you can, enjoy the warmth within your porch or backyard. We are making progress, but we must continue to flatten the curve. We are all in this together and together we will overcome.”

McDonough County agencies also remind the public during Easter weekend it is important to stay committed to social distancing and avoid large in-person gatherings. People are encouraged to:

- Search their place of worship’s website, Facebook page, or other social media outlets and check to see if it offers a virtual service.
- Celebrate the weekend with family via a video chat.
- Continue avoiding large crowds and plan a larger gathering with family and friends after the pandemic is over.

McDonough County residents are reminded of the stay at home precautions that are necessary to protect their families and the community as a whole to slow the spread of COVID-19.