



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.

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 have had multiple questions regarding quarantine vs. isolation. The CDC defines a quarantine as the separation and restriction of movement of people who were exposed to a contagious disease to see if they become sick. Isolation is the separation of people with a contagious disease from people who are not sick. The current recommendations for a person with exposure to someone with COVID-19 or a person who has traveled to an area with a level 3 designation is to be quarantined for 14 days. A person who is ill should be isolated for 7 days or 3 days after their symptoms have resolved, whichever is longer. As always, if anyone has questions or concerns, they should contact their primary care provider. We thank everyone for their patience and understanding as we work through this pandemic."

1,865

Confirmed COVID-19 cases
in the state of Illinois
(Illinois Department of Public
Health: DPH.Illinois.gov)
as of March 25

0

Number of confirmed
COVID-19 cases in
McDonough County (per
McDonough County Health
Department) as of March 23

2

Number of lanes available at the
Drive-Thru Screening Station. The
white tent is located on the south
side of the MDH parking lot next to
the Health Services building.

DONATION OF MASKS: MDH received multiple requests from people wanting to make cloth facemasks for use as personal protection equipment. Per MDH Chief Medical Officer Edwin Card, MD, "Since these are not waterproof they would not be appropriate for personal protective equipment as long as we have adequate supplies. We believe that we can use them, however, for masking patients that are entering the facility if they have respiratory illness. This would help protect our staff from droplet contamination while at the same time preserving the waterproof masks for staff use for patient care."

People can deliver any homemade masks directly to the McDonough County Health Department at 505 E. Jackson Street in Macomb. MDH thanks everyone for their support.

SCREENING STATION DRIVE-THRU & NURSE TRIAGE HOTLINE: McDonough District Hospital announced a new coronavirus nurse triage hotline and a drive-thru screening station beginning Wednesday, March 25. These services will be open 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. The nurse triage hotline will operate from 7 a.m.-7 p.m. The drive-thru screening station will operate from 8 a.m.-8 p.m.

Patients should be 18 years or older and MUST be pre-registered to access the drive-thru service. Patients that have not called the MDH nurse triage hotline or their primary care provider will be asked to call the hotline to pre-register. All testing requires an order by a physician or nurse practitioner. We ask for no more than two occupants per vehicle.

Patients younger than 18 years will need to call their pediatrician or primary care provider. If you do not have a primary care provider, call the MDH Family Clinic or MDH Convenience Clinic at (309) 837-6937. All vehicles should enter from MDH's East entrance off Grant Street, follow the signage to the tent, then depart from the West entrance (near the ER) and turn back onto Grant Street. Screening procedures will test for Influenza A & B, strep, and COVID-19 as per the protocol followed by the nurse triage hotline or primary care provider.

NEW COUNTY INFORMATION SITE ON FACEBOOK: 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.