



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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"There may be some confusion with the term "screening" as it pertains to Coronavirus in Macomb. Due to the lack of tests available for Coronavirus, our medical community is first using standard screening QUESTIONS that help determine if a person is considered at higher risk. If this telephone screen shows the person to be at higher risk we move on to LABORATORY testing. Initially this is testing for other possible causes for the persons symptoms (influenza, strep throat, and RSV for kids under 19). If someone has one of these other illness they have less than 2% chance of Coronavirus. If these tests are negative and the person has mild to moderate symptoms they will be directed to remain at home in isolation. If symptoms are more severe, persons will be referred to our Health Department for consideration of Coronavirus testing (which currently takes 4+ days to get result)."

3,026

Confirmed COVID-19 cases
in the state of Illinois
(Illinois Department of Public
Health: DPH.Illinois.gov)
as of March 27

0

Number of confirmed
COVID-19 cases in
McDonough County (per
McDonough County Health
Department) as of March 27

x19

Take the number of cases in
Illinois on March 17 - just 10 days
ago - and multiply it by 19. That's
roughly the total currently in the
state now on March 27.

INCLEMENT WEATHER AND EMERGENCY ROOM TENTS: Due to inclement weather in the forecast, the screening tents outside of the Emergency Room will be taken down. All screenings to enter the hospital this weekend will take place inside the ER entrance.

CHANGE OF SCREENING STATION LOCATION THIS WEEKEND: Due to inclement weather in the forecast, and for the safety of our staff and patients, MDH is changing the location of the drive-thru screening station. All screens will take place in the MDH Convenience Clinic, inside Health Services Building 2 in the former Internal Medicine clinic.

Patients still must get pre-authorization for a screening by calling the nurse triage telephone hotline at (309) 836-1715 or their primary care provider. For those who do not have a primary care provider, call the MDH Family Clinic or MDH Convenience Clinic at (309) 837-6937. 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.

MDH UROLOGY MOVE: Starting Monday, March 30, MDH Urology will change locations on the MDH campus. Dr. Thomas Patterson and the urology clinic is moving to the former MDH Orthopedic building at 503 East Grant Street, adjacent to the hospital.

SHARING OF INFORMATION: In this day of 24/7 information, there is still a section of the population not receiving the latest news updates. With the current coronavirus pandemic, it's critical that everyone checks in on their family, friends, and neighbors to check on their wellbeing. When you do, make sure they've seen or heard the latest information from the city, county agencies and MDH. Share facts, not rumors. The McDonough County Health Department, McDonough County Emergency Services and Disaster Agency, and McDonough District Hospital will continue to share information and health tips pertaining to the pandemic.

HOW TO MAKE PROTECTIVE FACEMASKS: After further research on homemade masks and finding a pattern that will work with the equipment we have on hand, MDH released a sewing pattern for the general public to use. For those interested in making protective facemasks, go to www.MDH.org/COVID19 and click on the Homemade Facemasks link.

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.