



# 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.



McDonough County  
Health Department

[www.MCHdept.com](http://www.MCHdept.com)

Lynnette Cale, MS, CHES - Administrator



[www.MCESDA.com](http://www.MCESDA.com)

Edgar R. Rodriguez – Director



### EDWIN CARD, MD, FACS

Chief Medical Officer  
McDonough District Hospital

“On March 10, Illinois announced there were 20 confirmed cases of COVID-19 and zero deaths. Now, just 20 days later those numbers have skyrocketed to 5,000-plus positive cases and 73 deaths. If we had not started taking the required precautions when we did, who knows how high those numbers would have climbed. Please continue taking the necessary steps – wash your hands with soap and water, cover your cough, throw your tissue away in the trash, and practice social distancing. We’re in this together, we will get through this together.”

5,057

Confirmed COVID-19 cases in the state of Illinois (Illinois Department of Public Health: [DPH.Illinois.gov](http://DPH.Illinois.gov)) as of March 30

0

Number of confirmed COVID-19 cases in McDonough County (per McDonough County Health Department) as of March 30

52

The number of counties in Illinois reporting a positive case of COVID-19 (as of March 30).

**TENTS ARE BACK AND OPERATIONAL:** Following last weekend’s inclement weather, the two Emergency Room screening tents and drive-thru screening station are back and operational. To enter McDonough District Hospital, staff and those patients and visitors not experiencing respiratory symptoms enter through ER tent #1. Patients and visitors experiencing respiratory ailments should enter through ER tent #2.

**MDH UROLOGY MOVE:** On Monday (March 30), MDH Urology changed locations on the MDH campus. Dr. Thomas Patterson and the urology clinic moved to the former MDH Orthopedic building at 503 East Grant Street, adjacent to the hospital. For more information call MDH Urology at (309) 836-1760.

**MARCH 30 = DOCTORS’ DAY:** MDH would like to recognize all its practicing physicians as March 30 is celebrated nationally as ‘National Doctors’ Day’. Thank you to all our health care providers for their hard work and dedication to the organization and their patients.

**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](http://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.

**NURSE TRIAGE HOTLINE AND DRIVE-THRU SCREENING STATION:** 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. seven days a week. The drive-thru screening station will operate from 8 a.m.-8 p.m. seven days a week.

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.