

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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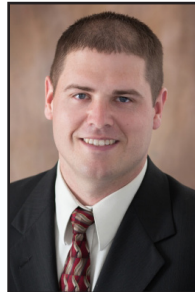
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"We are opening up outpatient surgery on May 11, which is when IDPH said it was ok in our state. So we are following those guidelines. All of our physicians are open and in-practice right now. We have TeleHealth options for those who do not want to come in, but we also are also taking great precautions to keep everyone safe. You get your temperature taken before you enter the building and we screen everybody for symptoms. All of our providers are opening back up where you can make an appointment to come in and be seen. We will be wearing masks and taking all the precautions to keep the patient safe, the nurses safe, the physician safe, and all the ancillary staff as well."

56,055

Confirmed COVID-19 cases
in the state of Illinois
(Illinois Department of Public
Health: DPH.Illinois.gov)
as of May 1

18

Confirmed COVID-19 cases
by a McDonough County
resident (per McDonough
County Health Department)
as of May 1

229/47

Number of NEGATIVE test results
from McDonough County
& Number of PENDING tests from
McDonough County (as of May 1...
these numbers are fluid & should be
considered an estimate).

HEALTH DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCEMENT (www.mchdept.com): The McDonough County Health Department (MCHD) today announced the first death of a McDonough County resident who tested positive for COVID-19. The individual was a resident in his 70s who tested positive earlier this week. Due to Federal privacy restrictions, release of any additional information on this case is prohibited.

NEW WEEKEND HOURS AT THE DRIVE-THRU SCREENING TENT: To meet the increased community need, MDH announces that the hours of operation on Saturday and Sunday at the drive-thru screening station will be 8 a.m. until 1 p.m. The Monday-Friday times of 8 a.m.-4 p.m. remain. With recent IDPH guidelines loosening the restrictions on getting a COVID-19 test, patients are still encouraged to pre-register by calling their primary care provider or the nurse triage hotline at (309) 836-1715 to cut down on the wait time at the screening station.

SURGERY TO RESUME MAY 11: MDH also announced this week that following the stipulations being lifted on performing elective surgeries, it will re-start procedures on May 11. Emergency surgeries were always performed during the recent COVID pandemic, now with elective surgeries extra precautions will have to take place. According to Dr. Edwin Card, MDH Chief Medical Officer the following protocols will be implemented.

- Prior to surgery patients will have to have a negative COVID test within 72 hours of their procedure.
- After the patient's pre-surgery COVID testing, they must self-isolate from the time of the COVID screening until the surgical procedure.
- Because of the possibility of aerosols which could be generated during the course of a procedure, it will be necessary to prolong the interval between cases in order to appropriately clean the room for the next patient. Because of this our schedule is going to be very limited.
- Continued elective surgery will be predicated on maintaining adequate supplies and capacity to deal with a surge of cases of COVID-19 if they should occur.
- MDH is doing its utmost to ensure the safety of patients in and around our hospital. Because of this certain head and neck procedures will not be resumed at this time but may be available at a later date.

DEFINING AN OUTBREAK: In Tuesday's and Wednesday's press release the McDonough County Health Department mentioned an outbreak. The Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) defines an outbreak at an Assisted Living facility as one or more positive case(s) along with others that are ill with symptoms.