



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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www.mchdept.com

Lynnette Cale, MS, CHES - Administrator



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KIM LAIRD, MS, LCPC

Director - Behavioral Health Services
McDonough District Hospital

"We've done a pretty good job following the rules, being cautious with limiting our interactions with others, and using far more hand sanitizer than we thought we ever would. But like other citizens outside west-central Illinois, we too have experienced grief because of our current health crisis. We typically connect grief with death, but it can result from many types of loss... Even if you have not yet experienced a direct loss, don't assume what you are feeling is not grief. Loss has taken on a whole new meaning as we adjust to the coronavirus pandemic."

63,840

Confirmed COVID-19 cases
in the state of Illinois
(Illinois Department of Public
Health: DPH.Illinois.gov)
as of May 4

36

Confirmed COVID-19 cases
by a McDonough County
resident (per McDonough
County Health Department)
as of May 4

287/81

Number of NEGATIVE test results
from McDonough County
& Number of PENDING tests from
McDonough County (as of May 4...
these numbers are fluid & should be
considered an estimate).

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES COLUMN: To read the full version of the most-recent column by Kim Laird of MDH Behavioral Health go to the Behavioral Health Services page on www.MDH.org.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCEMENT (www.mchdept.com): The McDonough County Health Department (MCHD) announces two additional McDonough County residents have tested positive for COVID-19, bringing the total number of positive cases to 36. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) protocols have been implemented. Public health officials are working to identify and actively monitor individuals who were in contact with the residents in an effort to reduce the risk of additional transmission. Due to Federal privacy restrictions, the release of any additional information on these cases is prohibited.

DOUBLED UP: Since last Friday afternoon's MDH News Update, the total amount of positive cases in McDonough County doubled from the prior total of 18 to now 36. There were nine new cases announced Saturday, seven Sunday and another two on Monday.

SURGERY TO RESUME MAY 11: MDH also announced 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.