



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.

DRIVE-THRU SCREENING STATION

Monday-Friday from 8 a.m.-4 p.m.
Saturday-Sunday from 8 a.m.-1 p.m.

NURSE TRIAGE HOTLINE

Call (309) 836-1715 from 7 a.m.-7 p.m. 7 days a week to reach the MDH nurse triage hotline.

SOCIAL MEDIA

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).

Follow @MDH_Hospital on both Twitter and Instagram.

VIDEO - YouTube

Search the McDonough District Hospital YouTube channel for past and present video clips.

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 are very pleased to announce that we will be resuming elective surgeries and procedures on Monday (May 11). Many people have worked very hard in order to ensure that this is being done safely both for our patients and for our staff. Procedures will be preceded by COVID testing 72 hours prior to the procedure. Follow-up screening on the morning of the procedure will also be performed with questioning about symptoms and a check for fever. We believe that we can protect the safety of all of our patients because of our thorough screening at the tent prior to entering the building and scheduling procedures at wider intervals to protect social distancing. We thank the community for your patience in the intervening time. We look forward to serving you further in the future.”

73,760

Confirmed COVID-19 cases in the state of Illinois (Illinois Department of Public Health: DPH.Illinois.gov) as of May 8

48

Confirmed COVID-19 cases by a McDonough County resident (per McDonough County Health Department) as of May 8

531/47

Number of NEGATIVE test results from McDonough County & Number of PENDING tests from McDonough County (as of May 8... these numbers are fluid & should be considered an estimate).

AS A REMINDER WHILE INDOORS: According to the Governor’s Executive Order in relation to Public Health Requirements for Individuals Leaving Home and for Businesses - wearing a face covering in public places or when working... Any individual who is over age two and able to medically tolerate a face covering (a mask or cloth face covering) shall be required to cover their nose and mouth with a face covering when in a public place and unable to maintain a six-foot social distance. **Face coverings are required in public indoor spaces such as stores.**

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES COLUMN: To read the latest COVID-19 column from MDH Behavioral Health Services (by Miriam Mindeman, MA, LCPC) go to the Behavioral Health Services page on www.MDH.org.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT UPDATE (www.mchdept.com): The McDonough County Health Department (MCHD) announced on Friday two additional McDonough County residents have tested positive for COVID-19, bringing the total number of positive cases to 48. 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.

NATIONAL NURSES WEEK: MDH celebrated National Nurses Day on May 6, kicking off National Nurses Week which runs through May 12. Thank You to all the nurses - everyone at McDonough District Hospital and those nurses throughout McDonough County - for your dedication and service to patients.

RECOVERED CASES AT FOUR: The McDonough County Health Department announced now four recovered cases from COVID-19. Recovered is defined by the CDC as resolution of fever without fever-reducing medications for three (3) days (72 hours), improvement of respiratory symptoms, and at least seven (7) days have passed since symptoms first appeared. The MCHD will continue to update on the amount of recovered cases in the county.