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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.

### MDH DRIVE-THRU

Monday-Friday from 8 a.m.-4 p.m.  
Saturday-Sunday from 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

**THANKSGIVING - CLOSED**

### SOCIAL MEDIA

Facebook.com/McDonough.District.Hospital for the latest news, infographics, and videos shared by the Hospital.

Follow @MDH\_Hospital on both Twitter and Instagram.

The McDonough County Emergency Information Facebook page (Facebook.com/McDonoughEmergencyInformation) shares updated information surrounding news and events related to COVID-19.

### 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.



**McDonough County  
Health Department**

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

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# McDonough District Hospital COVID-19 & NEWS UPDATE



**JACK MCPHERSON, MD**

Hospitalist Medical Director / McDonough District Hospital

"When our patients are ill enough to warrant admission to MDH, we are using several treatment modalities. Those who need oxygen can be treated with a variety of options including: oxygen by nasal canula or mask, high flow heated oxygen (Vapo-Therm), a pressurized mask known as Bi-Pap, or a ventilator. In addition, we infuse intravenously the antiviral drug Remdesivir and Decadron as a steroid. Most patients receive vitamin D and zinc as those supplements have been shown to suppress the COVID-19 virus. We are offering preventive anticoagulation to each patient. There are several options for anticoagulation, so these drugs are tailored to a patient's needs. During the last six weeks, we have been able to obtain from our Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center a

blood product known as COVID Convalescent Plasma. This is a blood product obtained from someone who has had the COVID illness. That blood product contains antibodies that would aid our patient in their fight against the COVID virus. This product is not always effective, but certainly helpful. Our COVID plasma has been arriving to us from all around the country. Our blood bank now reports that supplies of Convalescent Plasma are in short supply everywhere. We would encourage everyone who has been ill with the COVID virus to consider being donors for this blood product. Those who have been most ill and required a hospital stay with some type of oxygen support would likely be the best candidates. Any person wishing to donate would need to be 14 days from their last symptoms, completely recovered before donating, and be an eligible blood donor."

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The **TOTAL** amount of COVID-19 positive inpatient hospitalizations at MDH since the start of the pandemic (as of November 24).

**1,513**

Number of COVID-19 positive patients from McDonough County (as of November 24)

**10,906**

Total number of MDH Drive-Thru visits since it opened (thru November 22).

**IDPH OFFERING FREE COVID-19 TESTING LOCALLY ON DECEMBER 2-3:** The Illinois Department of Public Health announced it will again offer free COVID-19 testing open to the public on December 2-3. The testing site will be at the Tanner Hall circle on the campus of Western Illinois University from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. For more information, go to the McDonough County Health Department website at [www.mchdept.com](http://www.mchdept.com).

**MDH DRIVE-THRU CLOSED ON THANKSGIVING:** The MDH Drive-Thru will be closed on Thanksgiving, and will re-open the next day on its regular hours (8 a.m.-4 p.m.). The MDH Convenience Clinic will be open on Thanksgiving from 8 a.m.-12 p.m.

**DRIVE-THRU NUMBERS ON THE RISE:** Since the inception of the Drive-Thru Screening Station in March, daily numbers have steadily increased.

March-April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.
6 average/day	28 avg.	23 avg.	39 avg.	57 avg.	63 avg.	76 avg.	88 avg.

**TIME FOR A VIDEO VISIT:** Feeling ill and don't want to leave the comfort of your home? Do you have a regularly scheduled appointment but for safety reasons would like to stay at home? MDH patients can now bring their provider to them. MDH providers utilize a program called Doxy.me for a video visit with patients.

MDH clinics with the capability to offer TeleHealth include:

- Behavioral Health Services (Outpatient)
  - Bushnell Family Practice
  - Ear, Nose and Throat
  - Family Clinic
  - OB/GYN
  - Orthopedics
  - Pediatrics
  - Psychiatry
  - Sports Medicine/Rehabilitation Occupational, Physical, and Speech Therapy
- Call your provider or clinic office for more information on how to sign up.