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“If you have a flu-like illness, please stay home, hydrate, and avoid contact with other people. If you experience shortness of breath, then you should call your primary care provider immediately.”

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Confirmed COVID-19 cases in the state of Illinois (Illinois Department of Public Health: DPH.Illinois.gov) as of March 20

Number of confirmed COVID-19 cases in McDonough County (per McDonough County Health Department) as of March 20

Community and County leaders were interviewed on the latest COVID-19 update video. Learn more on what MDH, Macomb City and McDonough County is doing to protect and update citizens on the pandemic.

TENT ENTRANCE TO MDH: The tan tent located outside of the Emergency Room at McDonough District Hospital currently serves as the point of entry for screening of patients and visitors to enter the hospital. This initial point of screening outside of the building will help protect the hospital from exposure to the virus. Signage is posted on the tent. Thank you for your cooperation.

COMMUNITY UPDATE VIDEOS ON SOCIAL MEDIA: Two update videos with leaders from McDonough District Hospital, City of Macomb, and McDonough County are currently available on the Facebook pages of MDH, McDonough County ESDA, and other civic pages. Learn more on what the Macomb and McDonough County leaders are doing to keep everyone safe and protected during the current COVID-19 pandemic.

COVID-19 & INFLUENZA PROCEDURES: McDonough District Hospital is working with the McDonough County Health Department and McDonough County Emergency Services and Disaster Agency during the COVID-19 crisis.

The safest course of action for a person feeling mild-to-moderate flu-like symptoms of fever, cough, and shortness of breath is to self-quarantine in their home and to call their healthcare provider to determine the next step in their care. MDH follows the County Health Department and Illinois Department of Public Health screening protocols for COVID-19.

COVID-19 test kits are NOT being handed out to the public. MDH does screen for Influenza.

If a patient displays symptoms of COVID-19 a test may be performed if they meet testing criteria. If a person is experiencing symptoms of fever, cough, or shortness of breath they should call their primary care provider. If they do not have a primary care provider, call the MDH Family Clinic or MDH Convenience Clinic at (309) 837-6937.

HOSPITAL INCIDENT COMMAND SYSTEM IMPLEMENTED: In response to the State of Illinois declaring a State of Emergency due to COVID-19, McDonough District Hospital proactively initiated its Hospital Incident Command System protocols on March 12. The hospital has continually been monitoring the COVID-19 progress and acting accordingly, implementing HICS was done to officially start the organization-wide planning process. The organization’s Incident Commander is Wanda Foster, MDH Vice President/Chief Nursing Officer. MDH will continue to meet regularly with the McDonough County Health Department and the McDonough County Emergency Services and Disaster Agency (ESDA) to monitor the situation.