FIFTH POSITIVE IN McDONOUGH COUNTY (www.mchdept.com): The McDonough County Health Department (MCHD) announces that a fifth McDonough County resident has tested positive for COVID-19. The resident is a male in his 50s. He is isolating at home and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) protocols have been implemented. This case is not related to any of the other four positive cases within the county. Public health officials are working to identify and actively monitor individuals who were in contact with the resident in an effort to reduce the risk of additional transmission.

DID YOU KNOW?: As of April 23, Illinois recorded the sixth-most COVID-19 cases in the United States. New York, New Jersey, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, and California rank ahead of Illinois, which is just ahead of Michigan.

LAB DRAW HOURS AT THE DRIVE-THRU SCREENING STATION: Patients can have routine blood draws performed at the drive-thru screening station from 7-11 a.m. There will be a special time from 7-8 a.m. specifically for patients that are immunocompromised or high risk. All patients utilizing this service will need to call (309) 836-1585 to be pre-registered and scheduled as this requires a physician order. During inclement weather, this will be performed at the hospital.

NEW COLUMN FEATURE: Special thanks to MDH Behavioral Health Services Director Kim Laird, MS, LCPC, for the department’s inaugural column on topics surrounding COVID-19. A portion of the column is featured above, while the link to the entire column can be found on the Behavioral Health Services page on MDH.org.

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 will 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