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One New Confirmed Case - 31 Cases Total in Livingston County

Livingston County, IL – The Illinois Department of Corrections (IDOC) is reporting one new confirmed case of COVID-19 (coronavirus disease) at Pontiac Correctional Center (PCC). The individual includes a male in his 50s who was asymptomatic at the time of testing and is currently recovering in isolation. Livingston County Health Department (LCHD) officials were notified of the new COVID-19 case on May 22, 2020, according to state and local public health protocol.

Due to the increased COVID-19 activity at PCC, additional protective measures are being implemented in order to identify new cases and ensure the health and safety of staff and inmates, including more frequent testing. LCHD officials continue to work closely with the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH), and have investigated and notified any individuals who may have had exposure to the individual who tested positive for COVID-19.

As of May 22, 2020, the LCHD has received 756 COVID-19 test results. Of that, 31 COVID-19 tests have been confirmed positive, 725 tests confirmed negative, 25 of the previously reported confirmed cases have been removed from isolation, four cases remain active, and, sadly, two cases have resulted in death due to complications related to COVID-19. Of those individuals who have tested positive, four were asymptomatic at the time of testing. For details on the previously reported cases and up-to-date information for Livingston County, IL, community members can visit the LCHD's website: www.lchd.us.

The health and safety of Livingston County residents remains the highest priority for Livingston County health officials. All partners and organizations involved in the COVID-19 response remain fully prepared to respond to COVID-19 cases. Public health, hospital systems, and first responders maintain highly trained infection control teams, specialized equipment, and protocols consistent with the latest guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Assume COVID-19 is in every community. Because people can be carriers of the virus prior to experiencing symptoms, everyone should be presumed to be carriers of the COVID-19 virus. Community members are strongly encouraged to adhere to all of the required precautions necessary to protect their families and the community by slowing the spread of the COVID-19 virus, including sheltering in place, wearing a mask and staying at least 6' from others when in public, as well as frequently washing hands and sanitizing regularly touched surfaces.

For Livingston County residents age 60 or older, homebound with no assistance and in need of essential care items, such as food, medical supplies, or personal hygiene products, please the LCHD at 815-844-7174 x230.

The LCHD will continue to work diligently to meet the everyday needs of county residents while aggressively addressing the on-going COVID-19 pandemic.

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