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Seventh Confirmed Case in Livingston County, IL

Livingston County, IL – One more resident of Livingston County has tested positive for COVID-19 (coronavirus disease). Livingston County Health Department (LCHD) officials were notified of the new COVID-19 case on April 5th, 2020, according to state and local public health protocol. The individual is a female in her 50s who is recovering at home in isolation.

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 this individual who tested positive for COVID-19.

As of April 5th, 2020, Livingston County has a total of seven confirmed cases of COVID-19. For details on the previously reported cases and up-to-date information for Livingston County, IL, individuals can visit the LCHD's website: www.lchd.us.

The health and safety of Livingston County residents remains the highest priority for 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).

Individuals who have questions or concerns about COVID-19 may contact the IDPH Hotline at 1-800-889-3931, or 2-1-1 for general questions and referrals for resources, including mental health. Up-to-date information can also be found on IDPH's website.

Drive-thru COVID-19 testing is available for eligible Central Illinoisans at the McLean County Fairgrounds (1106 Interstate Drive, Bloomington). This community-based testing site will operate from 9am - 5pm every day and is able to test up to 250 eligible people per day. The testing criteria are as follows:

- Healthcare workers *with* respiratory symptoms and a temperature of 100.4 or greater
- First responders *with* respiratory symptoms and a temperature of 100.4 or greater
- Seniors (65+) *with* respiratory symptoms and a temperature of 100.4 or greater
- Patients with underlying medical conditions *with* respiratory symptoms and a temperature of 100.4 or greater

Please NOTE: Individuals who have taken fever-reducing medicines within six hours before

arrival at the testing site will not be eligible to be tested.

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.

Residents are strongly encouraged to adhere to all of the required precautions necessary to protect their families and the community, slowing the spread of COVID-19:

- **Stay home except for essential business, regardless of whether a person is experiencing symptoms.**
- Practice social distancing, making sure to stay 6' from others when in public.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick. If you're sick at home, do your best to self-isolate from others living in the home.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, or use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces using a cleaning spray with at least 70% alcohol or a bleach/water solution using a ratio of 1:10.
- If you have experience a cough, difficulty breathing, or a fever, stay home. If your symptoms worsen, call your healthcare provider **before** leaving your house so that you may be evaluated and provide further direction.

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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