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83 New Cases & One Death 5,019 Cases Total in Livingston County

Livingston County, IL – Eighty-three residents of Livingston County have tested positive for COVID-19 and sadly one more resident has also died due to complications related to the virus. The individual included a female in her 40s. Livingston County Health Department (LCHD) officials were notified of the new COVID-19 cases and death between July 27 – August 8, 2021. To date the LCHD has received 126,579 COVID-19 test results; of that, 5,019 COVID-19 tests have been positive, 53 cases remain active and, sadly, 93 cases have resulted in death due to complications related to COVID-19.

Much like the surrounding areas, Livingston County has seen a sharp increase in COVID-19 activity in recent weeks due to the Delta variant. Data show this variant to be more than twice as contagious as previous strains of the virus, with the highest spread of infections and severe outcomes occurring among unvaccinated populations. This group continues to be of greatest concern as unvaccinated persons are at much higher risks for serious complications or death due to COVID-19. People who not yet vaccinated are strongly encouraged to do so as soon as possible, with the highly infectious Delta variant making this plea more urgent than ever.

While breakthrough cases in vaccinated people happen much less often than infections among those unvaccinated, fully vaccinated people with breakthrough infections may still pass highly contagious strains of the virus, like Delta, to others. In order to reduce the spread of the virus and protect our communities, everyone, including the fully vaccinated, is recommended to wear masks in public indoor settings where risk of transmission is high.

“We ask that everyone take actions to protect not only themselves but everyone around them, particularly those with a compromised immune system or who cannot be vaccinated,” said, Jackie Dever, LCHD Administrator. “It takes everyone working together to keep our community safe and healthy.”

Individuals ages 12 and older are strongly encouraged to receive their COVID-19 vaccine, available at the LCHD (310 E Torrance Ave, Pontiac):

- Moderna and J&J vaccines available Monday mornings 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
- Pfizer and J&J vaccines available Tuesday afternoons 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. (*Pfizer is available to anyone age 12 and older with parental consent required for those under age 18.*)

In-home vaccinations are available for homebound residents. More details can be found on the

LCHD's website: www.lchd.us. Weekend and evening vaccination opportunities are available at many local pharmacies. See individual pharmacy for more details.

COVID-19 testing is available in Livingston County at local pharmacies, including Walgreens and CVS, by appointment. Drive-thru and walk-up testing is also available at the Interstate Center (1106 Interstate Dr, Bloomington, IL) every Monday, Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday from 9:00am to 5:00pm. For those requiring PCR testing for travel, appointments are available through CampusTown Urgent Care in Bloomington and Champaign. More information can be found on their website: <https://covidtest.center/>.

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