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166 New Cases – 5,420 Cases Total in Livingston County

Livingston County, IL – One hundred & sixty-six residents of Livingston County have tested positive for COVID-19. Livingston County Health Department (LCHD) officials were notified of the new COVID-19 cases August 31 – September 7, 2021. To date the LCHD has received 136,562 COVID-19 test results; of that, 5,420 COVID-19 tests have been positive, 152 cases remain active and, sadly, 93 cases have resulted in death due to complications related to COVID-19.

As of September 7, nearly 42% of Livingston County residents are fully vaccinated. COVID-19 vaccines are effective at preventing infection, serious illness, and death. Most people who get COVID-19 are unvaccinated. Of the 166 new cases reported between 8/31-9/7, 10% were fully vaccinated, none of which resulted in hospitalization or death.

“Vaccination is key to protecting yourself against the serious effects of COVID-19,” explained Jackie Dever, LCHD Administrator. “We cannot stress enough how important it is for everyone age 12 and older to get fully vaccinated as soon as possible.”

As the county continues to see a sharp increase in COVID-19 cases, it is imperative that residents take action to prevent the spread of COVID-19, including getting vaccinated, wearing a mask when in public indoor settings or outdoor events with high risk of transmission (i.e. concerts, festivals, etc.), and staying home when you’re sick.

Vaccination continues to be the best form of protection. All COVID-19 vaccinations are free of charge at the LCHD, Monday through Thursday 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Appointments are strongly encouraged, especially for those under age 18. In-home vaccinations are also 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.

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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