

COVID-19 Update



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This is a joint communication from the Logan County Department of Public Health and Abraham Lincoln Memorial Hospital updating you on the status of coronavirus (COVID-19) in Logan County. This communication will come only when a NEW COVID-19 positive case is confirmed and identified as someone who resides in Logan County.

The Logan County Department of Public Health has confirmed the following new cases of COVID-19 in Logan County. Positives are from Friday November 6 afternoon-Monday, November 9, 2020 afternoon.

****84 individuals ranging in age from 6 months to 73 years of age both symptomatic and asymptomatic.

The total number of confirmed positive cases in Logan County is now **877** including **681** individuals who have recovered, **190** active cases and **6** fatalities.

Logan County Data

A continually updated table of Logan County data is maintained by the Logan County Department of Public Health and is available at www.lcdph.org.

NOTE: A recovered individual is someone who has tracked their symptoms twice daily and reported that they have been fever free for 24 hours to the Logan County Department of Public Health. The total number of positives on the Logan County dashboard represents a historical running total of confirmed positive cases. Recovered individuals are never removed from the total number of positives.

Statewide Data

A continually updated map of statewide data is maintained by the Illinois Department of Public Health and available online at: <https://www.dph.illinois.gov/topics-services/diseases-and-conditions/diseases-a-z-list/coronavirus>

New Mitigation Plan

Logan County and much of the State of Illinois has seen a recent surge in the number of COVID-19 infection rates as more people are venturing out and taking fewer preventative precautions. Logan County is just one of 19 counties encompassing Region 3 of the Restore Illinois Governor's recovery plan which is designed to track regional activity and address detected resurgences through appropriate mitigation actions. One of the determining factors is whether a region has averaged greater than or equal to an 8% positivity rate for three consecutive days (7 day rolling). The State announced this week that Region 3 has attained this level and are now requiring Region 3 and Logan County to enter tier 1 action level to combat the resurgence which will become effective Sunday, November 1st.

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What will this mean for local businesses? According to the mitigation plan, among other requirements, restaurants and bars can only serve food and drink outdoors with tables 6 feet apart with each not exceeding 6 people. In addition, restaurants and bars must close by 11 p.m. and not reopen before 6 a.m. the following day. Office workers are urged to continue working from home if possible. In addition, meetings and social events are limited to 25 guests or not to exceed 25% of room capacity. Visit the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity website at <https://dceocovid19resources.com/restore-illinois/> to learn more about Restore Illinois, county and regional information in addition to the full resurgence mitigation requirements. The Illinois Department of Public Health will continue to track the positivity rate in regions requiring enhanced mitigation efforts over a 14-day monitoring period before it can be determined if mitigations can be relaxed.

Free COVID Testing

The Logan County Department of Public Health is conducting free COVID-19 testing for anyone at the Logan County Department of Public Health **BY APPOINTMENT ONLY**. Dates and times are located on our Facebook page and on our website. Please call 217-735-2317 extension 200 to make an appointment.