



## MEDIA RELEASE

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### Immediate Release

#### **“Public Health Officials Announce New Case of COVID-19; Total 11 Cases in LaSalle County**

LaSalle County Health Department (LCHD) has confirmed an additional COVID-19 case in LaSalle County. The case is a female in her 20's. The individual is recovering at home in isolation. Federal privacy restrictions prohibit the release of any additional information regarding this case. Public health officials are working actively to identify and investigate all individuals who were in contact with the case. No further information regarding the investigation is available at this time.

Drive-thru COVID-19 testing is now available for eligible Illinoisans at multiple Private Sector and State-Run Community Based Testing Sites. These community-based testing sites are able to test up to 250 eligible people per day.

#### **Private Sector Community Based Testing Sites (CBTS):**

- ❖ Wal-Mart, 137 E North Ave, Northlake IL  
Hours of operation: 10-4
- ❖ Wal-Mart, 2424 W Jefferson, Joliet IL  
Hours of operations: 10-4
- ❖ Walgreens, 695 W Boughton Rd, Bolingbrook IL  
Hours of operation: 10-4

#### **State Run Community Based Testing Sites (CBTS):**

- ❖ **Harwood Heights Site**  
(Former EPA Emissions Testing Facility)  
6959 W Forest Preserve Drive, Chicago, IL  
Hours of operations: 9-5
- ❖ **McLean County Fairgrounds**  
1106 Interstate Dr. Bloomington, IL  
Hours of operations: 9-5

There are specific screening criteria individuals must meet to receive testing. **In order to receive testing, persons must be symptomatic and meet the following screening criteria:**

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- **Healthcare facility workers with symptoms**
- **First responders with symptoms**
- **Individuals over the age of 65 with symptoms**
- **Individuals with underlying health conditions with symptoms**

Individuals who meet the screening criteria and wish to undergo COVID-19 screening should arrive at the CBTS in a personal vehicle and be prepared to present: a photo ID; healthcare facility employee or first responder ID/badge (if applicable); and a health insurance card. Those who meet the screening criteria will be tested regardless of whether they have insurance.

Those persons screened at the CBTS locations will be notified of their results in approximately seven days by telephone. The number will appear as a call from 1-833-447-0001 (Caller ID: Results Center). If there is no answer, the call center will not leave a message due to privacy considerations. However, two follow up calls will be attempted. **LaSalle County Health Department strongly urges any resident tested at a drive-thru clinic to self-isolate at home until you have received your test results.**

Current prioritization guidance from the Illinois Department of Public Health recommends and focuses on the testing of high-risk individuals, including those who are hospitalized and clusters in a congregate setting that serves more vulnerable populations such as a supportive care facility, assisted living facility, group home, homeless shelter, or correctional setting. In addition, the guidelines recently expanded to include symptomatic front-line workers such as health care workers, public safety workers (EMS, law enforcement, firefighters), and employees in residential congregate settings serving vulnerable populations.

As COVID-19 spreads, the focus in our communities should not be whether you have been exposed but rather, assume you have been exposed and take measures to decrease the transmission to others. All LaSalle County residents are strongly encouraged to adhere to all of the required precautions necessary to protect their families and the community, to slow 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.
- If you have experienced 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 provided further direction.

Be mindful of those who are at a greater risk for contracting this virus, including older adults and those with certain health conditions. All of these measures will help reduce the number of people who become sick at any given time and the possibility of exhausting our health care resources. Stay home and stay healthy!

The LaSalle County Health Department encourages residents to stay informed on the evolving situation. Get the latest guidance for school, employers and community preparedness by visiting [Preventing COVID-19 Spread in Communities](#) or by visiting the Health Department's website at [www.lasallecounty.org](http://www.lasallecounty.org). For general questions about COVID-19, call the IDPH hotline at 1-800-889-3931 or email [dph.sick@illinois.gov](mailto:dph.sick@illinois.gov). # # #



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