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Immediate Release

"Public Health Officials Announce New Cases of COVID-19; Total 48 Cases in LaSalle County"

The LaSalle County Health Department (LCHD) hasconfirmed an additionalfour COVID-19 cases in LaSalle County bringing the total to 48 cases.The additional cases are:

- a male in his30's
- (2) males in their50's
- a female in her 20's

The cases remain 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.

Three additional cases have recovered and have been released from isolation. The total number of recovered individuals for LaSalle County is 21.

As COVID-19 spreads and testing increases, we expect to see our cases increase. Illinois is not projected to peak until mid-May so we expect to see additional cases in the coming weeks ahead. People should continue to practice social distancing and not let their guard down. 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.

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. For general questions about COVID-19, call the IDPH hotline at 1-800-889-3931 or email dph.sick@illinois.gov.

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