



## MEDIA RELEASE

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### Immediate Release

#### **“Public Health Officials Announce New Cases of COVID-19; Total 119 Cases in LaSalle County”**

The LaSalle County Health Department (LCHD) has confirmed an additional two COVID-19 cases in LaSalle County bringing the total to 119 cases. During our case investigation it was determined that a previous case reported as a LaSalle County resident on Thursday was found to reside outside our jurisdiction and has since been transferred to the appropriate County\*. The additional cases are:

- a male in his 40's
- a male in his 50's

The cases remain in isolation. Federal privacy restrictions prohibit the release of any additional information regarding these cases. Public health officials are working actively to identify and investigate all individuals who were in contact with the cases. No further information regarding the investigation is available at this time.

Four additional cases have recovered and have been released from isolation. The total number of recovered individuals for LaSalle County is 55.

As COVID-19 spreads and testing increases, we expect to see our cases increase. 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](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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(\*Note – Total Confirmed Case Count has been adjusted to account for case transfer to appropriate county)



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