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“Public Health Officials Announce an Additional COVID-19 Death; No New Cases of COVID-19 Confirmed; Total 130 Cases in LaSalle County”

The LaSalle County Health Department (LCHD) was notified of an additional novel coronavirus (COVID-19)-related death in LaSalle County, Illinois. The individual, a male in his 80’s, had earlier tested positive for COVID-19. There have been a total of nine COVID-19 related deaths in LaSalle County.

“We are deeply saddened to hear of the additional loss of one of our LaSalle County residents to this illness. Our thoughts and deepest condolences go out to the family and friends who are mourning the loss of their loved ones.” LaSalle County Health Department Administrator Julie Kerestes said in a statement.

There are no additional confirmed cases to report today. The total number of confirmed COVID-19 cases remains at 130 for LaSalle County.

Seven additional cases have recovered and have been released from isolation. The total number of recovered individuals for LaSalle County is 67.

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. 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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