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For Immediate Release

“Public Health Officials Announce New Case of COVID-19; Total 183 Cases in LaSalle County”

The LaSalle County Health Department (LCHD) has confirmed an additional COVID-19 case in LaSalle County bringing the total to 183 cases. During our case investigation it was determined that a previous case reported as a LaSalle County resident was found to reside outside our jurisdiction and has since been transferred to the appropriate County*. The additional case is a male in his 60’s.

The case remains in isolation. Federal privacy restrictions prohibit the release of any additional information regarding the 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.

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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(*Note – Total Confirmed Case Count has been adjusted to account for case transfer to appropriate county)