

COVID-19 Update



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This is a daily joint communication from the Logan County Department of Public Health and Abraham Lincoln Memorial Hospital updating you on the status of coronavirus (COVID-19) in Logan County. This communication will come at approximately 6 p.m. each day as necessary.

At the time of this press release, the total number of confirmed cases in Logan County is zero.

Abraham Lincoln Memorial Hospital Inpatients

These numbers indicate current inpatient numbers at Abraham Lincoln Memorial Hospital.			
Date: March 27 as of 4:30 p.m.			
	COVID-19 Positive NEW TODAY	COVID-19 Persons Under Investigation (PUI)	COVID-19 Deaths
Abraham Lincoln Memorial Hospital	0	1	0

A person under investigation (PUI) is an ALMH inpatient who has been tested and is awaiting the results of their COVID-19 test. ALMH outpatient patients and hospital inpatients who have been discharged or transferred to another healthcare facility are not included in these numbers.

Logan County Data

The table below represents Logan County residents. This information is updated regularly by the Logan County Department of Public Health and is available at www.lcdph.org. The discrepancy between the number of in patients at Abraham Lincoln Memorial Hospital in the table above and the LCDPH table below is because ALMH may be caring for patients from outside of Logan Counties and because some of the tests are being done by independent labs rather than by the Illinois Department of Public Health/LCDPH.

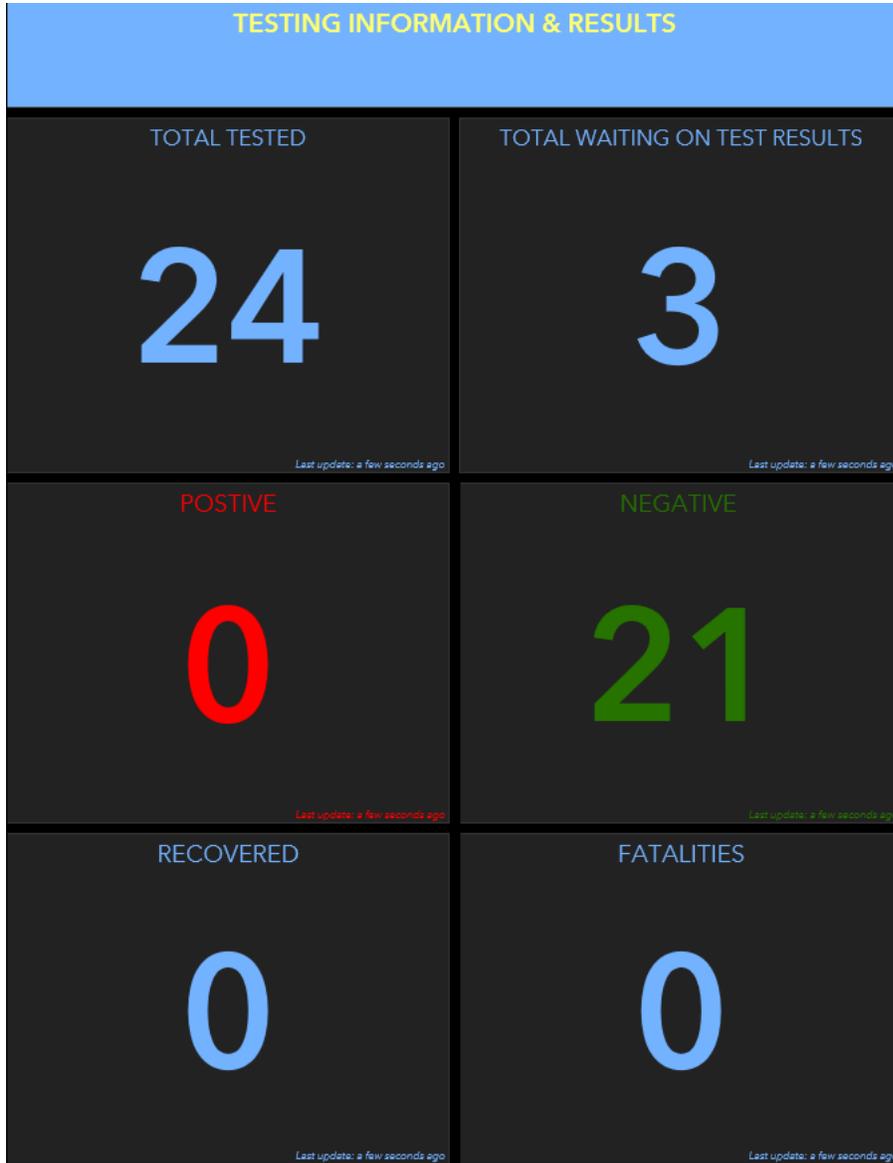
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The chart below was updated as of 4:30 p.m., Friday, March 27, 2020.



Statewide Data

A continually updated map of statewide data is maintained by the Illinois Department of Public Health and available online at: <https://www.dph.illinois.gov/topics-services/diseases-and-conditions/diseases-a-z-list/coronavirus>

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As we enter the weekend...

Reminder: Stay at Home

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, Gov. JB Pritzker has ordered Illinois residents to stay at home. The order requires all residents to stay at home, with exceptions for activities involving essential needs or business. Gatherings of more than 10 people are prohibited. The order will remain in place for the duration of the Gubernatorial Disaster Proclamation that currently extends through April 7, 2020.

Reminder: You can still support local restaurants by picking-up or using the drive through options

Several restaurants are still open offering carry-out orders, online orders, curbside pick-up and delivery options for customers. For carry-out, please call ahead to help businesses minimize the number of customers present for pick up at one time.

Reminder: Social Distancing

Social distancing is deliberately increasing the physical space between people to avoid spreading illness. Staying at least 6 feet away from other people reduces the chances of catching COVID-19. Other examples of social distancing with the goal of avoiding crowds, crowded spaces and mass gatherings include working from home instead of the office, closing schools and switching to on-line classes, visiting loved ones by electronic devices instead of in person, suspending worship services, and canceling or postponing large meetings.

Social distancing does not mean staying indoors, it means avoiding close contact with people. Remember to wash your hands any time you enter from outdoors and before you eat. Go outdoors for fresh air and exercise. Ride a bike, walk the dog, go for a hike, or jog.

Reminder: Medical Services Still Available

Healthcare providers and locations like the ALMH emergency department are still a safe place to visit for emergency health needs. It is important that the public does not stay away from their physician offices for other health concerns. Do not second-guess seeking care for serious health conditions and symptoms such as stroke or cardiac issues. It is safe to visit your physician office and the emergency room to receive the care you need. ALMH is currently screening all patients to mitigate risks of possible exposure to COVID-19.

What to do if you have respiratory symptoms?

The Illinois Department of Public Health urges you to stay home for at least 7 days after you first became ill, or 72 hours after your fever has resolved and symptoms are improving, whichever is longer.

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You should consult with your health care provider if you have a fever, cough, trouble breathing, or other flu-like symptoms that are not better or are worsening after 24-48 hours. You should also consult with your health care provider if you have mild symptoms and are pregnant or immunosuppressed or are an older adult with chronic health conditions.

If you think you need immediate medical attention, who should you call?

If you need immediate medical attention, and you think you may have COVID-19, please call ahead to your health care provider before going in for care. This will allow them to take the right steps to protect themselves and other patients. As always, if you think you are having a medical emergency, call 911 and if you have been exposed to COVID-19, notify dispatch personnel so emergency medical services personnel can take steps to protect themselves.