Good Evening,

**Sangamon County** had new 68 positive cases of COVID-19 reported today and yesterday and 21 people who have tested positive are hospitalized. **Menard County** no new cases were reported for Menard County residents.

Ages of the people who were reported to be positive today:

**Sangamon County**
- Teens - 15
- 20s – 20
- 30s – 7
- 40s – 10
- 50s – 8
- 60s – 6
- 70s – 1
- 80s – 1

According to the Illinois Department of Public Health’s most recent weekly report (8/23/20 - 8/29/20), the positivity rate for **Sangamon County** has increased to 5.3% with 4,517 tests performed. The weekly metrics still indicates a warning as there are currently 71 new positive COVID-19 cases/100,000 population. The target is 50/100,000. **Menard County** has no warnings listed with 5 new positive COVID-19 cases/100,000 population. The positivity rate has increased to 4.3% with 210 tests performed. There is more information available from [https://www.dph.illinois.gov/countymetrics](https://www.dph.illinois.gov/countymetrics). If you would like to see how our region is doing, we are part of Region 3, [http://www.dph.illinois.gov/regionmetrics](http://www.dph.illinois.gov/regionmetrics) - this data is updated daily.

**Testing Site Change**
SIU School of Medicine’s COVID-19 testing site is moving from the health department parking lot to Abundant Faith Christian Center, 2525 Taylor Ave, Springfield on Tuesday, September 8th. After the Labor Day holiday, testing will resume on Mondays.
- Mondays: 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.
- Tuesdays: 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.
- Thursdays: 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.
- On Friday, SIU Medicine will be a mobile testing operation hosted by other area congregations. September locations include: September 11: 9:00 – 12:00 p.m. at Calvary Baptist Church, 2208 E. Kansas St., September 18: 9:00 – 12:00 p.m. at Union Baptist Church, 1405 E. Monroe St., September 25: 9:00 – 12:00 p.m. at Progressive Church of God in Christ, 1625 E. Ash St.
Before heading out for a test, please wait at least four days from a possible exposure to get the most accurate test result and quarantine at home until a result has been given. If you have taken a test with SIU Medicine location at the Sangamon County Department of Public Health or if you plan to be tested at the new SIU Medicine location, please visit this site for more information: www.siumed.org/covidtest

**Labor Day** is a federal holiday in the United States celebrated on the first Monday in September to honor and recognize the American labor movement and the works and contributions of laborers to the development and achievements of the United States. It is the Monday of the long weekend known as **Labor Day Weekend**.

Beginning in the late 19th century, as the trade union and labor movements grew, trade unionists proposed that a day be set aside to celebrate labor. "Labor Day" was promoted by the Central Labor Union and the Knights of Labor, which organized the first parade in New York City. In 1887, Oregon was the first state of the United States to make it an official public holiday. By the time it became an official federal holiday in 1894, thirty states in the United States officially celebrated Labor Day. (Wikipedia)

**Enjoy the rest of the Holiday Weekend**

The weather has been great and there are things to do if you do not want to stay home. To reduce your risk of contracting the virus: if you don’t feel well stay home, wear a mask even outside, stay at least six feet away from people who do not live in your house and practice frequent hand hygiene.

Until Tuesday,
Gail

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