October 16, 2020

Good evening,

**Sangamon County** has 49 cases of COVID-19 to report today. Fourteen people who have tested positive are hospitalized and five have recovered. A man in his 90s and a woman her 80s have died. **Menard County** has four new cases to report today, no one is hospitalized.

Ages of the people who were reported to be positive:

**Sangamon County**
- Infants - 1
- Children -1
- Teens – 3
- 20s – 9
- 30s – 10
- 40s – 7
- 50s – 6
- 60s – 7
- 70s – 5
- 80s – 0
- 90s and older – 0

According to the Illinois Department of Public Health’s most recent weekly report (10/4/20 - 10/10/20), the positivity rate for **Sangamon County** is 5.3% with 7,544 tests performed. The weekly metrics still indicate a warning as there are currently 176 new positive COVID-19 cases/100,000 population. The target is 50/100,000. The increase in new cases per 100,000 indicates substantial community spread. The positivity rate of 5.3%is a moderate level and 38 new youth cases minimal for determination of community spread metrics for schools in Sangamon County.  [http://www.dph.illinois.gov/countyschool?county=Sangamon](http://www.dph.illinois.gov/countyschool?county=Sangamon)

According to the Illinois Department of Public Health’s most recent weekly report (10/4/20 - 10/10/20), **Menard County** has a warning with 130 new positive COVID-19 cases/100,000 population. The positivity rate has increased to 5.8% with 364 tests performed. The increase in new cases per 100,000 indicates substantial spread as does the increase of youth cases for determination of community spread metrics for schools in Menard County.  [http://www.dph.illinois.gov/countyschool?county=Menard](http://www.dph.illinois.gov/countyschool?county=Menard)

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.
COVID-19 Testing is available from 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Saturday-Monday until November 4th. Drive-through influenza vaccinations are available Tuesday-Friday in our parking lot from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Same tents, different service. Each is important in fighting COVID-19.

If 95 percent of people wear cloth masks when within 6 feet of other people in public, it will reduce COVID-19 transmission by at least 30 percent. So if every infected person transmits the virus to 30 percent fewer people, it improves the chances of subduing COVID-19’s spread in the United States.


Until Monday,

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