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### **Public Health Officials Announce 965 New Confirmed Cases of Coronavirus Disease**

**SPRINGFIELD** – The Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) today announced 965 new confirmed cases of coronavirus disease (COVID-19) in Illinois, including 6 additional confirmed deaths.

- Cook County – 2 males 40s, 1 female 90s
- St. Clair County – 1 male 80s
- Will County – 1 female 40s, 1 male 70s

Currently, IDPH is reporting a total of 161,575 cases, including 7,295 deaths, in 102 counties in Illinois. The age of cases ranges from younger than one to older than 100 years. Within the past 24 hours, laboratories have reported 32,113 specimens for a total of 2,244,511. The preliminary seven-day statewide positivity for cases as a percent of total test from July 12 - July 18 is 2.9%. As of last night, 1,356 people in Illinois were reported to be in the hospital with COVID-19. Of those, 320 patients were in the ICU and 132 patients with COVID-19 were on ventilators.

Following guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, IDPH is now reporting both confirmed and probable cases and deaths on its [website](#). Reporting probable cases will help show the potential burden of COVID-19 illness and efficacy of population-based non-pharmaceutical interventions. IDPH will update these data once a week.

\*All data are provisional and will change. In order to rapidly report COVID-19 information to the public, data are being reported in real-time. Information is constantly being entered into an electronic system and the number of cases and deaths can change as additional information is gathered. Information for deaths previously reported has changed, therefore, today's numbers have been adjusted. For health questions about COVID-19, call the hotline at 1-800-889-3931 or email [dph.sick@illinois.gov](mailto:dph.sick@illinois.gov)

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