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Public Health Officials Announce 2,128 New Confirmed Cases of Coronavirus Disease

SPRINGFIELD – The Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) today announced 2,128 new confirmed cases of coronavirus disease (COVID-19) in Illinois, including 27 additional confirmed deaths.

- Adams County: 1 male 80s
- Christian County: 1 female 90s
- Cook County: 1 male 50s, 1 female 70s, 3 males 70s, 1 female 80s, 2 males 80s
- Crawford County: 1 male 70s
- DuPage County: 1 male 60s, 2 males 80s
- Ford County: 1 male 70s
- Jefferson County: 1 female 80s
- Kane County: 1 female 80s
- Lake County: 1 male 70s
- LaSalle County: 1 female 60s, 1 female 90s
- Macoupin County: 1 female 80s
- Montgomery County: 1 male 90s
- Perry County: 1 female 80s
- Rock Island County: 1 female 90s
- St. Clair County: 2 females 80s
- Williamson County: 1 female 90s

Currently, IDPH is reporting a total of 238,643 cases, including 8,091 deaths, in 102 counties in Illinois. The age of cases ranges from younger than one to older than 100 years. The preliminary seven-day statewide positivity for cases as a percent of total test from August 26 – September 1 is 4.5%. As of last night, 1,596 people in Illinois were reported to be in the hospital with COVID-19. Of those, 347 patients were in the ICU and 142 patients with COVID-19 were on ventilators. Within the past 24 hours, laboratories have reported 32,751 specimens for a total of 4,119,873.

We are reporting a slowdown in data processing within IDPH systems that has affected our reporting of tests this week due to the large volume of testing occurring in Illinois. All available resources are being deployed to improve our data systems throughput and we anticipate improvement in data processing as the week proceeds. Although the slowdown has delayed the reporting of some additional aggregate numbers, this has not affected the reporting of positive or negative results to individuals in any way.

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Following guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, IDPH is now reporting both confirmed and probable cases and deaths on its <u>website</u>. 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 a death 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 <u>dph.sick@illinois.gov</u>.

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