

# **Warren County Health Department**

## Media Release

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### **COVID-19 Case Update in Warren County**

The Warren County Health Department is confirming the 8<sup>th</sup> COVID-19 related death. The individual was a male between the ages of 80-100. Our deepest sympathies go out to family and friends. We continue to urge our community to do what you can to slow the spread of the virus.

In addition, the health department is announcing 4 additional confirmed cases of coronavirus disease (COVID-19), bringing the total cases to 475. Most cases have experienced mild symptoms. 400 have had their symptoms resolve. Due to federal privacy restrictions, release of any additional information is prohibited. To date there have been 4533 negative tests.

#### The new cases include:

- 1 female between the ages of 20-40
- 1 male between the ages of 20-40
- 1 male between the ages of 40-60
- 1 male between the ages of 60-80

County level COVID-19 metrics for **Week 41** from **October 4 – October 10, 2020** have kept **Warren County at the WARNING level.** IDPH uses numerous indicators when determining warning signs of increased risk in the county. A county is considered at a warning level when at least two of the following metrics triggers a warning.

- New cases per 100,000 people. If there are more than 50 new cases per 100,000 people in the county. Warren County: 229 per 100,000
- Number of deaths. This metric indicates a warning when the weekly number of deaths increases more than 20% for two consecutive weeks. Warren County: 2
- Weekly test positivity. This metric indicates a warning when the 7-day test positivity rate rises above 8%. Warren County: 11.1%
- ICU availability. If there are fewer than 20% of intensive care units available in the region. Warren County: 40.7%
- Weekly emergency department visits. This metric indicates a warning when the weekly percent of COVID19-like-illness emergency department visits increase by more than 20% for two consecutive weeks. Warren County: 4.2%
- **Weekly hospital admissions.** A warning is triggered when the weekly number of hospital admissions for COVID19-like-illness increase by more than 20% for two consecutive weeks. **Warren County**: <5
- **Tests performed.** This metric is used to provide context and indicate if more testing is needed in the county. **Warren County: 342** 
  - Test sites located in Warren County (OSF Medical Group-Monmouth at 309-734-1414 and Cottage Clinic at 309-734-0100) are only setup to test symptomatic individuals. Knox County Health Department at 309-344-2225 and Eagle View Health Systems at 309-867-2202 are community-based



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test sites that can test symptomatic or asymptomatic along with HyVee Pharmacy on E Main in Galesburg-register at www.doineedacovid19test.com

These metrics are intended to be used for local level awareness to help local leaders, businesses, health departments, and the public make informed decisions about activities they choose to participate in. The metrics are updated weekly, from the Sunday-Saturday of the prior week. Warren County weekly metrics can be found at: <a href="https://www.dph.illinois.gov/countymetrics">www.dph.illinois.gov/countymetrics</a>

Warren County Health Department will be partnering with IDPH to sponsor a drive thru community-based test site again at the Monmouth-Roseville High School parking lot on October 23rd-25th from 9-5.

#### Where can I get the most reliable and up to date information?

- The Illinois Department of Public Health www.dph.illinois.gov
- The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention <u>www.cdc.gov</u>
- The Warren County Health Department www.warrencohealth.com