# Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)

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## Daily COVID-19 Press Conferences

## Persons Under Investigation (PUI) for COVID-19

### Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) in Illinois Test Results

**Positive (Confirmed)**

288

**Deaths**

1

**Total Tested**

2052

Information regarding the number of persons under investigation updated on March 18, 2020.
Information to be updated Daily.

### COVID-19 Illinois Positive Cases

The Illinois Department of Public Health, local health departments, and public health partners throughout Illinois, and federal agencies, including the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), are responding to an outbreak of respiratory illness caused by a novel coronavirus called COVID-19 that was first identified in December 2019 during an outbreak in Wuhan, China. COVID-19 has spread throughout the world, including the United States, since it was detected and was declared a public health emergency for the U.S. on January 31, 2020 to aid the nation's healthcare community in responding to the threat. The World Health Organization announced March 11, 2020 that the spread of coronavirus qualifies as a global pandemic.

In addition, Gov. JB Pritzker issued a disaster proclamation March 9, 2020 regarding COVID-19 that gives the state access to federal and state resources to combat the spread of this newly emerged virus.

The first case of COVID-19 in the United States was reported January 21, 2020 and the first confirmed case in Illinois was announced January 24, 2020 (a Chicago resident). The first cases outside Chicago and Cook County were reported March 11, 2020 in Kane and McHenry counties. The current count of cases of COVID-19 in the United States is available on the CDC webpage at www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/cases-in-us.html. Illinois case totals and test results are listed below.

Person-to-person spread of COVID-19 appears to be mainly between people who are in close contact with one another (within about 6 feet) through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs or sneezes. It also may be possible that a person can get COVID-19 by touching a surface or object that has the virus on it and then touching their own mouth, nose, or possibly their eyes. Signs and symptoms of COVID-19 include fever, cough, and shortness of breath.

Preliminary data suggest older adults and people with underlying health conditions or compromised immune systems seems to be at greater risk of developing serious illness from the virus.

If you are sick and have respiratory symptoms, such as fever, cough, and shortness of breath, stay home unless you need medical attention. Remain in your home until you feel better and have no symptoms. Keep in mind there is no treatment for COVID-19 and people who are mildly ill can isolate at home. While at home, as much as possible, stay in a specific room and away from other people. Those who need medical attention should contact their health care provider who will evaluate whether they can be cared for at home or need to be hospitalized.

This is a rapidly evolving situation and information will be updated as needed here and on the CDC website at cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html.
For general questions about COVID-19 and Illinois' response and guidance, call 1-800-889-3931 or email DPH.SICK@ILLINOIS.GOV.

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## Governor Issues Disaster Proclamation

JB Pritzker, Governor of the State of Illinois, in the interest of aiding the people of Illinois and the local governments responsible for ensuring public health and safety issues a Gubernatorial Disaster Proclamation in response to the ongoing coronavirus (COVID-19) situation.

This proclamation will assist Illinois agencies in coordinating State and Federal resources, including the Strategic National Stockpile of medicines and protective equipment, to support local governments in preparation for any action that may be necessary related to the potential impact of COVID-19 in the State of Illinois.

Read proclamation

## Executive Orders

### Executive Order Number 7

EXECUTIVE ORDER IN REPONSE TO COVID-19 (COVID-19 EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 5)

Executive Order Number 20-07 (PDF, 143 KB)

### Executive Order Number 6

AMENDMENT TO EXECUTIVE ORDER 2020-05 IN REPONSE TO COVID-19 (COVID-19 EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 4)

Executive Order Number 20-06 (PDF, 73 KB)

### Executive Order Number 5

EXECUTIVE ORDER IN RESPONSE TO COVID-19 (COVID-19 EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 3)

Executive Order Number 20-05 (PDF, 78 KB)

### Executive Order Number 4

EXECUTIVE ORDER IN RESPONSE TO COVID-19 (COVID-19 EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2)

Executive Order Number 20-04 (PDF, 80 KB)

### Executive Order Number 3

EXECUTIVE ORDER TO EXTEND APPLICATION DEADLINE FOR ADULT-USE APPLICATIONS DUE TO COVID-19

Executive Order Number 20-03 (PDF, 761 KB)


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About COVID-19
Situation Update
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Illinois Jobs
Illinois.gov home page
Employment Opportunities
List of Local Health Departments
National Center for Missing and Exploited Children

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## TRENDING TOPICS @IDPH

RT @LtGovStratton: Have you seen @IDPH's new #COVID19 Response website!? https://t.co/BbL2ux11d4 https://t.co/9bkIzUSer6
- 10 hours 32 min ago

RT @ReadyIllinois: #COVID19 Quick Tip: Take a moment to send a text or call your neighbors and check in. See if there is anything you… https://t.co/oEprXmSVnU
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