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Advisory

Wayne County Health Department Press Release – COVID-19

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The Wayne County Health Department has been notified of **25** additional positive case of COVID-19 in the last 24 hours in Wayne County residents:

1 Female - child

3 Female – teen

2 Male – teen

1 Female – 20's

2 Male – 20's

1 Female – 30's

1 Male – 30's

3 Female – 40's

2 Male – 40's

2 Female – 50's

3 Male – 50's

2 Male – 60's

1 Female – 80's

1 Male – 80's

To date:

- There have been 661 lab-confirmed positive cases of COVID-19 in Wayne County.

- 26 persons who were positive lab-confirmed cases passed away.
- Four are currently hospitalized.
- 92 people are currently isolating at home.
- 539 people have recovered.

PLEASE NOTE: Wayne County currently has a number of probable cases that are already in process of contact tracing. “Probable case” may mean that they are a close contact of a lab confirmed positive Covid-19 person and may be exhibiting Covid-19 like symptoms, or a “probable case” could be someone who had a positive rapid antigen test completed, however the State Lab results from a confirmatory PCR test have yet to be received. These are just two examples of what could qualify someone as a “probable case”.

Wayne County Health Department continues to investigate each case ensuring the isolation of the positive patient. In addition, Wayne County Health Department places close contacts that have had exposure to the positive patient on quarantine for a minimum of 14 days. This would allow symptoms to develop and pass without posing risk to others. If you are contacted by public health officials, please respond promptly.

Close contacts may include individuals:

- Living in the same household as a sick person with COVID-19
- Caring for a sick person with COVID-19
- Being within six feet of a sick person with COVID-19 for about 15 minutes, OR
- Being in direct contact with secretions from a sick person with COVID-19 (e.g., being coughed on, kissing, sharing utensils or drinks, etc.)

As a precaution, if an individual has been tested for COVID-19, it’s advised they self-quarantine until their test results are received. If the test result is positive, that person will then be contacted by the Wayne County Health Department.

The number of cases can be reduced by adhering to the Restore Illinois recommendations, including wearing a mask, washing hands frequently, disinfecting commonly touched surfaces, covering your cough and sneezes and maintaining social distancing of at least six feet from others.

The public is asked to follow and share trusted sources of information on COVID-19. The spread of incorrect information during disease outbreaks can lead people

to take actions which may not be beneficial to their health or health of others. Refer to trusted sources such as our Facebook page, Illinois Department of Public Health, and the CDC. The Illinois Department of Public Health has established a 24-hour COVID-19 hotline 1-800-889-3931.