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COVID-19 UPDATE

As of 04/29/2020 Iroquois County has 29 individuals with laboratory confirmed cases of COVID-19. Here is the information that we can release about our recent cases:

- Case 1: Male in his 50's
- Case 2: Male in his 40's
- Case 3: Male in his 20's
- Case 4: Male in his 30's
- Case 5: Female in her 60's
- Case 6: Male in his 70's
- Case 7: Male in his 40's
- Case 8: Female in her 40's
- Case 9: Female in her 40's
- Case 10: Male in his 60's
- Case 11: Female in her 30's
- Case 12: Female in her 20's
- Case 13: Female in her 40's
- Case 14: Female in her 50's
- Case 15: Female in her 30's
- Case 16: Male in his 20's
- Case 17: Female in her 60's
- Case 18: Female in her 20's
- Case 19: Female in her 50's
- Case 20: Male in his 60's
- Case 21: Male in his 40's
- Case 22: Male in his 30's
- Case 23: Male in his 30's
- Case 24: Female in her 50's
- Case 25: Male in his 50's
- Case 26: Male in his 30's
- Case 27: Male under 20
- Case 28: Female in her 40's
- Case 29: Female in her 70's

Twelve of the confirmed cases have recovered. These twelve individuals have been released from isolation.

No additional details will be provided regarding any of the above Iroquois County residents per compliance with 77 Ill. Adm. Code 1005. Please visit <http://www.ilga.gov/commission/jcar/admincode/077/07701005sections.html> for further information regarding the Collection, Disclosure, and Confidentiality of Health Statistics.

The Iroquois County Public Health Department is reporting congregate data regarding COVID-19. In an effort to clarify this data, we would like to provide a brief explanation. A confirmed case is an individual residing in Iroquois County who has a positive laboratory confirmation of COVID-19. The total confirmed case numbers we report includes all individuals who have tested positive, regardless of their current status. This number will never decrease. Recovered cases are individuals who tested positive and after a minimum of seven days, are afebrile (fever free without fever-reducing medication) for at least 72 hours and respiratory symptoms have improved. These recovered cases are then released from isolation by the health department.

Our Communicable Disease nurses are working tirelessly to complete investigations, conduct contact tracing and notify anyone determined to be at increased risk of exposure. The situation is fluid. Guidance and recommendations regarding patients under investigation may evolve as more is learned.

Please continue to comply with the Gubernatorial Executive Order to Shelter at Home, as well as practice social distancing and other safety measures to limit COVID-19 exposure. Everyone should consider themselves at risk for exposure to the novel coronavirus. While at home everyone should self-monitor which means to check yourself for fever and remain alert for cough, shortness of breath or sore throat.

This is a rapidly evolving situation and the Iroquois County Public Health Department will provide updated information and guidance as it becomes available on our Iroquois County Public Health Department Facebook page and website at <http://www.co.iroquois.il.us/covid-19-corona-virus/>