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COVID-19 UPDATE

As of 05/03/2020 Iroquois County has 41 individuals with laboratory confirmed cases of COVID-19. Here is the information that we can release about our recent cases:

- Case 39: Male in his 70's
- Case 40: Female in her 90's
- Case 41: Female in her 30's

The Iroquois County Public Health Department is saddened to announce the first COVID-19 related death of an Iroquois County resident, a female in her 60's. We extend our prayers and deepest condolences to the family, friends, and community members affected by this loss. At this time we are not providing any additional details on this individual. We kindly ask that the public respect the privacy of this family during this difficult time.

15 of the confirmed cases have recovered. These 15 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.

For zip code level information on confirmed positive COVID-19 cases please visit the IDPH Virtual map at:
<https://www.dph.illinois.gov/covid19/covid19-statistics>

For information on long term care facilities with cases of COVID-19 among residents and staff please visit the IDPH map at:
<https://www.dph.illinois.gov/covid19/long-term-care-facility-outbreaks-covid-19>

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/>