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COVID-19 UPDATE

As of 05/22/2020 Iroquois County has 128 individuals with laboratory confirmed cases of COVID-19. At the time of this press release the Iroquois County Public Health Department has received 964 test results for COVID-19. Of the 964 results, 836 have been negative and 128 have been positive. Here is the information that we can release about our recent cases:

- Case 125: Female in her 90's
- Case 126: Female in her 90's
- Case 127: Female in her 80's
- Case 128: Male in his 30's

Of the 128 individuals with laboratory confirmed cases, 76 have recovered and have been released from isolation, 4 are hospitalized, 44 remain isolated at home and 4 have passed away. We extend our prayers and deepest condolences to the family, friends, and community members affected by these losses.

Our Communicable Disease nurses are working tirelessly to complete investigations, conduct contact tracing and notify anyone determined to be at increased risk of exposure. All individuals under health department mandated isolation or quarantine are monitored daily until released. This situation is fluid. Guidance and recommendations regarding patients under investigation may evolve as more is learned.

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 period of ten 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.

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/>