



Champaign-Urbana Public Health District



COVID-19 UPDATE

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Champaign County Healthcare COVID-19 Daily Briefing

Champaign, Ill.— Under the leadership of the Champaign County Emergency Operations Center (EOC), area healthcare organizations will be providing weekday media briefings.

The number of persons diagnosed with COVID-19 in Illinois continues to rise. As of today, there are eight confirmed cases in Champaign County.

Because community transmission is occurring in multiple locations throughout the state, we all should consider ourselves at risk for exposure to COVID-19. That means that everyone should stay home as much as possible and self-monitor for symptoms. Self-monitoring means checking yourself daily for fever, cough, shortness of breath or a sore throat. Health officials do not indicate testing for mildly ill or asymptomatic people.

PPE supply status

To be clear, area healthcare facilities currently have sufficient supply of surgical masks and other Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and continue to follow CDC guidance for the safety of patients and staff to help conserve them. But we are proactively seeking donations to ensure we continue to have the proper equipment to keep staff and patients safe.

Community donations

The community can help by donating personal protective equipment (PPE) to a community-wide collection effort. The priority need is boxed and unused procedural N-95 and surgical masks. We also need face shields, goggles, gowns, ventilators and hand sanitizer to distribute to first responders and healthcare workers throughout the community.

You can drop off any of these items Monday – Friday from 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. at:
Champaign Urbana Public Health Department (North conference room door)
201 W. Kenyon Rd.
Champaign, IL

Call 239-7877 when you arrive. Please include your name and address with your donation.



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To donate directly to Carle: email coviddonations@carle.com

To donate directly to Christie Clinic: email christiec@christieclinic.com

To donate directly to OSF: email SupportOSF@osfhealthcare.org or call (309) 624-5840.

Hand-made masks for non-clinical use

Carle is accepting donations of hand-made masks for non-clinical staff to share with area healthcare organizations. For those who wish to help, please follow the criteria below.

- Make masks following these directions online: <https://youtu.be/ueWkAuY3k6Y>
- Bundle 25 masks in sealed zip lock bag.
- Carle will schedule pick up for packages of sewn masks from porches within Champaign and Vermilion Counties. Pick up must be arranged by emailing makeamask@carle.com.

Special note: Carle can provide sewing materials thanks to a generous donation.

Donation of non-perishable food for clinical teams

Local healthcare facilities and staff are grateful for the numerous requests from community groups and members to donate food items for the teams. Please use the donation contact emails for information.

How can the community help?

There are many ways the community can help to address COVID 19. Stay home, give blood, make a donation and consider making masks for non-clinicians who wish to wear them following online directions at: <https://youtu.be/ueWkAuY3k6Y>

Practicing good hand hygiene, social distancing and staying home are the best protections.

COVID-19 Patient Resources

Carle (217) 902-6100

- Visit carle.org for an online screening tool and patient information about COVID-19. A smart form will guide patients through a series of questions to assess their symptoms and risk and provide guidance on how, where or if a patient should seek care.

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- Email coronavirus@c-uphd.org
- Updated information available at c-uphd.org.
- Follow Champaign-Urbana Public Health District on Facebook for up to date information.



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Christie Clinic (217) 366-4070 (8 am – 5 pm; Monday – Friday)

- Visit christieclinic.com or follow Christie Clinic on social media for the most up to date information on COVID-19.
- Christie Clinic has an authorized testing facility outside the Christie Clinic on Windsor location. Patients identified through Illinois Department of Public Health's screening protocols to need testing will be directed to this location. Patients need to call ahead.
- Specific instructions for our obstetrics patients and Transformations Medical Weight Loss program clients are located at christieclinic.com/news/coronavirus
- For the health of our community, patients and team members, Christie Clinic requests patients please have no more than one person accompany them to their appointment. Additional guests will be asked to return to their car.

OSF 833-OSF KNOW (833-673-5669)

- The COVID-19 Nurse Hotline is staffed by OSF registered nurses around the clock, and during times of heavy usage will be staffed by other OSF health care professionals.
- Clare, the virtual assistant chatbot on osfhealthcare.org, is equipped to begin screenings for and educate the public about COVID-19.
- OSF COVID Companion is a free text messaging tool that the public can use to receive guidance about COVID-19. To subscribe, users can text OSF to 67634.

Promise Health

Promise does not perform tests for the COVID-19 virus at this time.

- Call (217) 356-1558 for care at Frances Nelson
- Call (217) 693-4660 for care at Promise on Walnut
- Call (217) 403-5477 for dental care with SmileHealthy

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