March 9, 2021

Good Afternoon,

**Sangamon County** has 8 new cases of COVID-19 to report today. Six residents with COVID-19 are hospitalized.

**Menard County** has 2 new cases of COVID-19 to report today. One Menard County resident with COVID-19 is hospitalized.

### Positivity Rates for 3/6/21 (updated 3/9/21)
- Region 3 - 7 day rolling average 2.0%, 2.1% daily positivity
- Sangamon County – 2.4% daily, 2.3% rolling 7 day average
- Menard County – 3.4% daily, 1.9% rolling 7 day average

### Hospital Information 3/8/21
- Region 3 - 7 day rolling average ICU Bed Availability 27.0%
- Region 3 – ICU Beds: 53 beds available of 163, Ventilators: units available 349 of 421
  - [http://www.dph.illinois.gov/covid19/hospitalization-utilization](http://www.dph.illinois.gov/covid19/hospitalization-utilization)


**Sangamon County remains in the blue status** on the statewide county map for COVID-19 risk. Only one of the metrics, new cases/100,000 population, is in the warning area at 86/100,000. The goal is 50/100,000. All other metrics were in the target area: 2.4% positivity, 1 death, 7,304 tests performed, ICU beds available 26.0%, emergency department visits for COVID Like Illness, COVID Like Illness admissions and cases in clusters are all within the target area. Metrics for School Determination of Community Spread are: test positivity – 2.4% indicates minimal spread, 86 cases per 100,000 indicates moderate spread, new cases of 168 indicates minimal risk and 35 youth cases indicates minimal spread. [http://www.dph.illinois.gov/countyschool?county=Sangamon](http://www.dph.illinois.gov/countyschool?county=Sangamon)

**Menard County remains in the blue status** on the statewide county map for COVID risk. None of the metrics indicates a warning situation at 8/100,000 population, the target is 50/100,000. All other metrics were within the target area: test positivity of 2.9%, 0 deaths, 375 tests performed and ICU beds available 26.0%. Emergency department visits for COVID Like Illness, COVID Like Illness admissions and cases in clusters are all within the target area. Metrics for School Determination of Community Spread are: test positivity – 2.9% indicates minimal spread, 8 cases per 100,000 indicates minimal spread, new cases of 8 indicates minimal risk and 1 youth case indicates minimal spread. [http://www.dph.illinois.gov/countyschool?county=Menard](http://www.dph.illinois.gov/countyschool?county=Menard)
Vaccination Dashboard - In Sangamon County 155,738 persons are eligible for vaccination. 76,206 (48.9%) people have received their first dose of vaccine and 25,891 (16.6%) have gotten their second dose. [Visit Here](https://co.sangamon.il.us/departments/a-c/county-board/covid-19/covid-19-vaccination-information)

In Menard County, population 12,228, 4,043 residents have been vaccinated and 1,261 have received their second dose and are fully vaccinated (10.26%). [Visit Here](http://www.dph.illinois.gov/covid19/vaccinedata?county=Menard)

Vaccinations Today & Total  
Sangamon County Department of Public Health, Springfield – 372 today, 20,542 since 1/5/21  
Menard County Health Department, Petersburg –1,221 since 1/12/21  
Illinois State Fairgrounds, Illinois National Guard (ING), Springfield – 11,707 since 2/17/21  
ING Mobile teams – 632 since 2/23/21  
The phone number for making appointments for the Fairgrounds Site is 217-210-8801 also visit [www.scdph.org](http://www.scdph.org).  
This site will be vaccinating by appointment from 9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday in the Orr Building beginning Wednesday. More appointments will be added as our vaccine inventory increases.

Testing  

Revised Public Health Guidance for Schools  
This joint guidance from the Illinois Department of Public Health and the Illinois State Board of Education supports the return to in-person instruction as soon as practicable in every Illinois community. The document can be found on our website at [www.scdph.org](http://www.scdph.org) under Guidance Documents.

Released yesterday, New IDPH Guidance for Sports  
Spectators increase from 50 to 20% capacity outside.  
[Visit Here](https://www.dph.illinois.gov/covid19/community-guidance/sports-safety-guidance)

March 9, 1959  
Did you know that Barbie made her debut at the American Toy Fair in New York on this day in 1959? Over a billion have been sold worldwide since.

Until tomorrow,
Gail

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