



**CHAMPAIGN COUNTY/UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS JOINT COVID EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER
11 GERTY DRIVE, CHAMPAIGN, ILLINOIS 61820**

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Champaign County COVID-19 Briefing

Champaign, Ill.— All media briefings are provided under the leadership of the Champaign County Emergency Operations Center (EOC).

We are announcing a cumulative total of 1,241 cases in Champaign County which includes 165 new cases for the time period of July 16 – July 22, 2020. There have been a total of 17 COVID-related deaths. These numbers are accurate as of the release time.

The Champaign-Urbana Public Health District (CUPHD) has seen an increase in the number of cases in the last two weeks. Most of the cases have been in the younger demographics. **For daily information on demographics, please visit CUPHD’s website at: <https://www.c-uphd.org/champaign-urbana-illinois-coronavirus-information.html>.**

Additional resources and information

Restore Illinois – Guidance can be found here: <https://dceocovid19resources.com/restore-illinois>.

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign alumni and area community members are invited to take the [Illinois Community Pledge](#).

In addition, the University of Illinois is hosting [a series of online COVID-19 Briefings](#).

On-campus COVID-19 testing locations can be found at <https://covid19.illinois.edu/on-campus-testing-locations/>.

Parkland College - Parkland College recently announced campus measures for the fall 2020 semester that will ensure safer instruction in light of the ongoing coronavirus outbreak – includes new videos: <https://www.parkland.edu/Main/Academics/Academic-Resources/Fall-Semester-2020>

School Guidance – The Champaign-Urbana Public Health District has provided school guidance: <https://www.c-uphd.org/documents/admin/coronavirus/guidance/guidance-schools.pdf>.

LIHEAP - Starting on July 27, 2020, the **Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)** in Champaign County will be open to eligible households. Households in need of energy assistance, especially those with disconnection notices, high past-due balances, and the general population that has been most likely affected by wage fluctuations due to COVID-19 are encouraged to apply. In addition, propane customers are strongly encouraged to apply in August when prices are at their lowest. The program no longer features priority enrollment periods and will instead be open to all households that meet up to 200 percent of the Federal poverty guidelines.



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Walk-in appointments will be available on a first-come, first-served basis from July 27-31. Those appointments will take place in the gymnasium at the Brookens Administrative Center (1776 E. Washington Street, Urbana). Online scheduling for LIHEAP appointments will also be available for Champaign County residents beginning Monday, July 27, with those appointments beginning on August 3. The best way to initiate the LIHEAP process is to schedule an appointment online at www.ccrpc.org/liheap. Individuals can also call 217-384-1226 to schedule an appointment, or if they have any questions about the application process. All appointments will take place in the Brookens Gym and not at the RPC's offices. [More information is available on the RPC's website.](#)

COVID-19 testing option - COVID-19 testing site is available at the Market Place Shopping Center in Champaign.

This is a **FREE** service that can be obtained without a doctor's referral, code, or appointment. Tests are available for anyone, including individuals walking up to the site, and there is no limit to the number of tests one person is allowed to take.

8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. (7 days a week while daily supplies last)
Market Place Shopping Center, 2000 N. Neil Street, Champaign

Testing site is located on the east side of the mall – enter through the south mall entrance off of Market Street

****This site will close during inclement weather***

Testing - The test is quick and painless with a 10-15 second swab inside of each nostril. According to the Illinois Department of Public Health, the nasal swab has the same sensitivity to detect coronavirus as the nasopharyngeal swab and is CDC approved.

Please note - Patients receiving required pre-surgery or pre-procedure testing should receive that test as directed by their doctor's office to avoid delays.

211 - This is a service provided by the United Way with trained specialists to match people to the right service agency based on your individual needs. For access, dial 211 or visit the Champaign County 211 website at uwayhelps.org/211.

Champaign County COVID-19 Resource Site - During this challenging time, the community is coming together to provide solutions. A county website has been created to provide information, updates and needed resources that provide support. This information can be found at: champaigncountycovid19.org

The COVID-19 website will be updated as new information is received.

COVID-19 Patient Resources

Carle (217) 902-6100

- Carle remains open to meet essential Primary and Specialty Care needs. Examples of essential appointments include high blood pressure, ear infection and minor cuts and fractures. Patients should call the COVID-19 Hotline at (217) 902-6100 to be assessed and directed to the appropriate location for care. Your provider may address many health needs by phone or virtual visits in accordance with social distancing best practice. All Carle Emergency Departments remain open for people needing immediate care for life-threatening emergencies.



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- CUPHD’s COVID hotline is available seven days a week between the hours of 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. If you do not reach a person, leave a voicemail that includes your name and phone number with a brief message.
- Email coronavirus@c-uphd.org
- Updated information available at c-uphd.org.
- Follow Champaign-Urbana Public Health District on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram for up-to-date information.

Christie Clinic

- Patients with questions or concerns or who want to inquire about testing are asked to call their provider’s office.
- Christie Clinic providers are now available for preventative care appointments and elective procedures. We have taken precautionary measures to open our doors for non-urgent healthcare concerns. Patients can visit their MyChristie patient portal or call their provider to request an appointment.
- Need Urgent Care? Visit a Christie Clinic Convenient Care.
 - Launched June 1: Christie Clinic Curbside Convenient Care: 1801 West Windsor Road, Champaign, IL 61822
 - Reopened June 1: Christie Clinic in Mahomet: 1001 Commercial Drive, Mahomet, IL 61853
 - Christie Clinic in Danville on Vermilion: 3545 North Vermilion Street, Danville, IL 61832
 - Christie Clinic in Urbana: 1710 East Windsor Road, Urbana, IL 61802

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 SilverCloud**-An online platform available at osfhealthcare.org/silvercloud, available 24/7 to help manage stress, anxiety and depression. It’s backed by a live health care professional who can direct users to in-person or telehealth care if necessary.
- OSF HealthCare has launched a Pandemic Health Worker Program (PHWP) that serves individuals with COVID-19 symptoms. A person is eligible for the PHWP if he or she is showing COVID-19 symptoms, or is at high risk for contracting the virus, but does not require emergency or inpatient care, and can be digitally monitored at home. They must first call the COVID-19 Nurse Hotline (**833-OSF-KNOW**) and be digitally triaged by a nurse. Depending on the answers to the screening questions, the nurse or other provider will determine if they are eligible for the PHWP. If enrolled, the client will be notified and receive a phone call from a Pandemic Health Worker within 48 hours.
- OSF HealthCare is offering video visits for those who prefer to see their physician from the comfort of their own home, while safely distancing from others. Patients can go to osfmychart.org or call their doctor’s office to see if a video visit is the right choice for them.

Promise Healthcare

Promise is now available for all primary care needs including, prenatal, vaccinations and well child exams. Most dental services are now available with SmileHealthy. All patients are screened for COVID-19 symptoms and risks at time of scheduling and at check in. The waiting area is appropriately spaced apart and an additional waiting area is available for those that present with symptoms or other risk factors.



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- 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**

COVID-19 testing is available outside Frances Nelson. Both swabbing and serum tests are available. Call our COVID-19 Care Line at (217) 403-5402. Testing is available from 8:00 – 5:00, Monday through Friday at Frances Nelson, 819 Bloomington Road, Champaign. The provider will determine which test is clinically appropriate.

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