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Changes to COVID-19 Operations at CUPHD

Contact Tracing to End August 15

CHAMPAIGN, IL – Starting August 15, Champaign-Urbana Public Health District (CUPHD) will no longer reach out to persons who test positive for COVID-19.

“While COVID will continue to persist in our county, we are entering a period where state and federal mandates are being rescinded, funding is being reduced, and resources are being reallocated,” said Administrator Julie Pryde. “This is not a reason to be complacent; rather, we believe that Champaign County residents have the knowledge and tools readily available to them to adopt effective precautions to prevent COVID-19 infections and to make timely care decisions if they have a positive COVID-19 test.”

Important information and changes:

1. Information on how to safely isolate at home to prevent the spread of COVID-19 can be found on our [website](#), which will be updated regularly.
2. CUPHD will no longer be able to provide hotel rooms as alternative housing for residents who test positive.
3. CUPHD will no longer provide food assistance to residents to “shelter in place.”
4. A list of community resources can be found at the [City of Champaign’s website](#) and UIUC’s School of Social Work’s [C-U Community Resource Guide](#).
5. Antigen tests will be available to long term care and other congregate living agencies to test symptomatic patients. CUPHD will not have the resources to provide testing for surveillance purposes.

CUPHD will continue to monitor trends and outbreaks and provide support to our partners in the public health system. Vaccinations are still the best tool in our arsenal to fight the COVID-19

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pandemic and are widely available to all residents. We will continue to support vaccination efforts. Please check the CUPHD website for current vaccination options.

For more information, visit our website at www.c-uphd.org/champaign-urbana-illinois-coronavirus-information.html