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Champaign County COVID-19 Community Level High

Champaign-Urbana Public Health District Strongly Recommends Wearing A Mask Indoors in Public Spaces

CHAMPAIGN, IL – The Champaign-Urbana Public Health District (CUPHD) announces that COVID-19 community level transmission in Champaign County is high and strongly recommends that everyone wear a mask when indoors in public spaces. The level of transmission is based on three indicators which includes new case rate per 100,000 population, percent of staffed inpatient beds occupied by COVID-19 patients and new COVID-19 admissions per 100,000 population.

According to Julie Pryde, CUPHD Administrator, “The number of cases in the community and on-campus have increased about 50% in the last one week. Based on trends from previous years, we are likely to experience higher spread in the next 10 days. Indoor masking and staying at home when sick with symptoms will help reduce this spread.”

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends those in a high transmission area to wear a high-quality mask or respirator and if you are at high risk of getting very sick, consider avoiding non-essential indoor activities in public where you could be exposed. Additional precautions include staying up-to-date on vaccinations and boosters, maintaining ventilation improvements, avoiding contact with people who have suspected or confirmed COVID-19, follow recommendations for isolation if you have suspected or confirmed COVID-19, follow the recommendations of what to do if you are exposed to someone with COVID-19, and if you are at high risk of getting very sick, talk with a healthcare provider about additional prevention actions.

Additional information on COVID-19 community level transmission, visit:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/your-health/covid-by-county.html>

<https://www.c-uphd.org/covid-case-and-testing-data.html>.

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