



## CARROLL COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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December 18, 2020: - Carroll County is reporting 17 new positive cases of novel coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) from 12/17/2020 through 12/18/2020. The ages for these individuals are as follows: 1 is a child, 2 in their teens, 2 in their 20s, 3 in their 30s, 2 in their 40s, 1 in their 50s, 3 in their 60s and 3 in their 80s. This brings the total number of positive cases for Carroll County to 1251. Sadly we have to announce a new Covid -19 related death of an individual in their 60's. This brings Carroll County Covid -19 related deaths to 29. Our health department is working closely with the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) and continues to monitor the individuals, and their close contacts. Further details about the individuals will not be released to protect the privacy of the individuals and their families.

The investigation is ongoing. These cases reinforce the importance of actions the public can take to protect themselves and prevent the spread in the community.

### **What the Public Can Do:**

- **STAY CALM:** You are not alone in this; your community is here to support you. Talk to your friends and family, and let them know if you are having concerns.
- **STAY APART:** Keep at least 6 feet away from others.
- **STAY PUT:** Stay home, and only go out when essential (buying groceries, pickup medicine, etc.).
- **WEAR A MASK:** Help to protect your family, friends and neighbors.

Be mindful of those who are at greater risk for contracting this virus, including older adults and those with underlying conditions.

### **Call your healthcare provider:**

If you experience fever, cough, and shortness of breath (flu like symptoms), stay home, and call your healthcare provider before going to a healthcare facility. Inform them of your symptoms.

### **For more information:**

Go to IDPH and CDC websites.

- <http://dph.illinois.gov/topics-services/diseases-and-conditions/diseases-a-z-list/coronavirus>
- <https://www.coronavirus.gov/>