



To Protect, Promote and Prioritize the Health of
Our Entire Community

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You Have a Role in Fighting COVID-19

COVID-19 is exploding across the Midwest and Douglas County is not an exception to this development. Hospitals are filling up with the number of people hospitalized doubling in the past week. The time to act is now.

The Douglas County Health Department (DCHD) is asking you to support the health care workers who have been working for months to keep people alive and keep the community safe.

While there are few tools to fight this disease, DCHD is asking you to use the ones we have at our fingertips.

- Wash your hands regularly for 20 seconds with soap and water. When you can't, please use hand sanitizer.
- Maintain at least six feet of separation from people who do not live in your household and avoid crowds.
- Wear a face mask whenever you are in public and do it right. Make sure it covers your nose and mouth and is a tight fit.

By doing your simple acts, you are helping the community fight COVID-19.

On Thursday, November 11, DCHD reported 1,343 new cases of COVID-19 that were received over the past two days. Remember, no new case numbers were released Wednesday due to the Veterans Day holiday. The total in Douglas County now is 28,742 since the pandemic began in March.

During the past two weeks 391 cases of COVID-19 have been reported to us by K-12 schools, including 216 staff and 175 students. There are 657 people in quarantine and 1,538 being self-monitored.

The Health Department has received five new death certificates related to COVID-19. A man in his 50s has passed and three men and a woman over 80 have died. The number of deaths in the county connected to the pandemic is now 260. DCHD can now report that 16,960 county residents have recovered from the illness.

As of our most recent report received today, metro area hospitals had 242 medical and surgical beds available for an 84% occupancy rate with 45 Adult Intensive Care Unit (ICU) beds available for an 85% occupancy rate. There were 387 individuals hospitalized who have been diagnosed with COVID-19, with 121 of them receiving adult ICU level care. There are also 40 more persons of interest (generally waiting for test results). Forty-three individuals who were confirmed or suspected of having COVID-19 were on ventilators.

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