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Effingham County Health Department Announces a COVID-Related Death and 54 New COVID Cases

Effingham, IL – The Effingham County Health Department (ECHD) announces the death of an individual in their 90s, the individual was unvaccinated. This brings the total number of confirmed COVID-related deaths in this county to 142. ECHD also announced 54 new cases of COVID-19 were reported from Friday, October 28 through Thursday, November 3.

Positive case demographics for this week are as follows:

Friday, October 28, 2022 to Thursday, November 3, 2022		
Age	Male	Female
< 1	2	-
< 10	-	-
Teens	2	1
20's	1	2
30's	1	4
40's	2	7
50's	1	6
60's	5	5
70's	3	3
80's	2	5
90's	-	2

Effingham County Health Department reminds the public that people who are up to date on vaccines have a much lower risk of severe illness and death from COVID-19 compared with unvaccinated people. During the months of September and October over 2,300 doses of COVID vaccine were administered to Effingham County residents, including 300 individuals getting their first ever booster.

Over 45,000 doses of COVID vaccine have now been administered to Effingham County residents, with nearly 16,600 having received their primary series, and 8,900 having had at least one booster

Effingham County remains at a LOW Covid-19 Community Level. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) makes the following recommendations:

- Stay up to date on vaccination, including recommended booster doses.
- Get tested if you have symptoms.
- Maintain ventilation improvements.
- Avoid 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 for what to do if you are exposed to someone with COVID-19.
- If you are at high risk of getting very sick, talk with a healthcare provider about additional prevention actions.

At all levels, people can wear a mask based on personal preference, informed by personal level of risk. People with symptoms, a positive test, or exposure to someone with COVID-19 should wear a mask.

Remember, the more steps you use, the increased level of protection you are creating for yourself. Stay up to date with your COVID vaccinations and boosters. People who are up to date on vaccines have a much lower risk of severe illness and death from COVID-19 compared with unvaccinated people.

Free Covid Testing Center is available in the White Hoop Building by the Effingham County Health Department, 901 W Virginia Ave, Effingham. The Drive-Thru Clinic hours are Monday through Friday from 9 to Noon and in the afternoon from 2 to 3:30 p.m.

- No insurance is required for these free tests.
- This service is available to anyone seeking testing.
- For ages 5+.
- No appointment or physician order required.
- Rapid results the same day.
- Rapid tests while supplies last.
- PCR results take 2-3 days.
- Drive-through
- There will be no testing on days the Health Department is closed.

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