



# COVID-19 Update

## COVID-19 Update: March 21, 2020

This is a daily joint communication from the Sangamon County Department of Public Health along with Memorial Health System, HSHS St. John’s Hospital, Springfield Clinic and SIU Medicine updating you on the status of coronavirus (COVID-19) in Sangamon County. This communication will come at approximately 6 p.m. each day as necessary.

At the time of this press release, the total number of confirmed cases between our five organizations is four, including one death. Currently, all of the active cases are no longer hospitalized.

*\*These numbers indicate current inpatient numbers at hospitals in Sangamon County.*

March 21, 2020 as of 3 p.m.	COVID-19 Positive new today	COVID-19 person(s) under investigation (PUI)	COVID-19 Deaths
Memorial Medical Center	0	7	1
HSHS St. John’s Hospital	0	2	0

## COVID-19 Hotlines

The Sangamon County Department of Public Health has a phone line dedicated to answering questions about COVID-19. County Health personnel will answer calls between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. County Health is looking into expanding hotline hours if necessary. After 4:30 p.m. a test through County Health can only be authorized under extreme circumstances.

After hours if you do not have a medical emergency, and you suspect you could have been exposed and/or infected by the COVID-19 virus, call the IDPH 24-hour hotline at 1-800-889-3931 for further guidance.

If you have a medical emergency and you have been diagnosed with COVID-19 or are being evaluated for the virus, dial 911. Notify the dispatcher of your medical emergency first, and tell them that you have COVID-19 or are being evaluated for the virus. If possible, put on a face mask before medical personnel arrive.

## Governor Pritzker’s Stay at Home Order

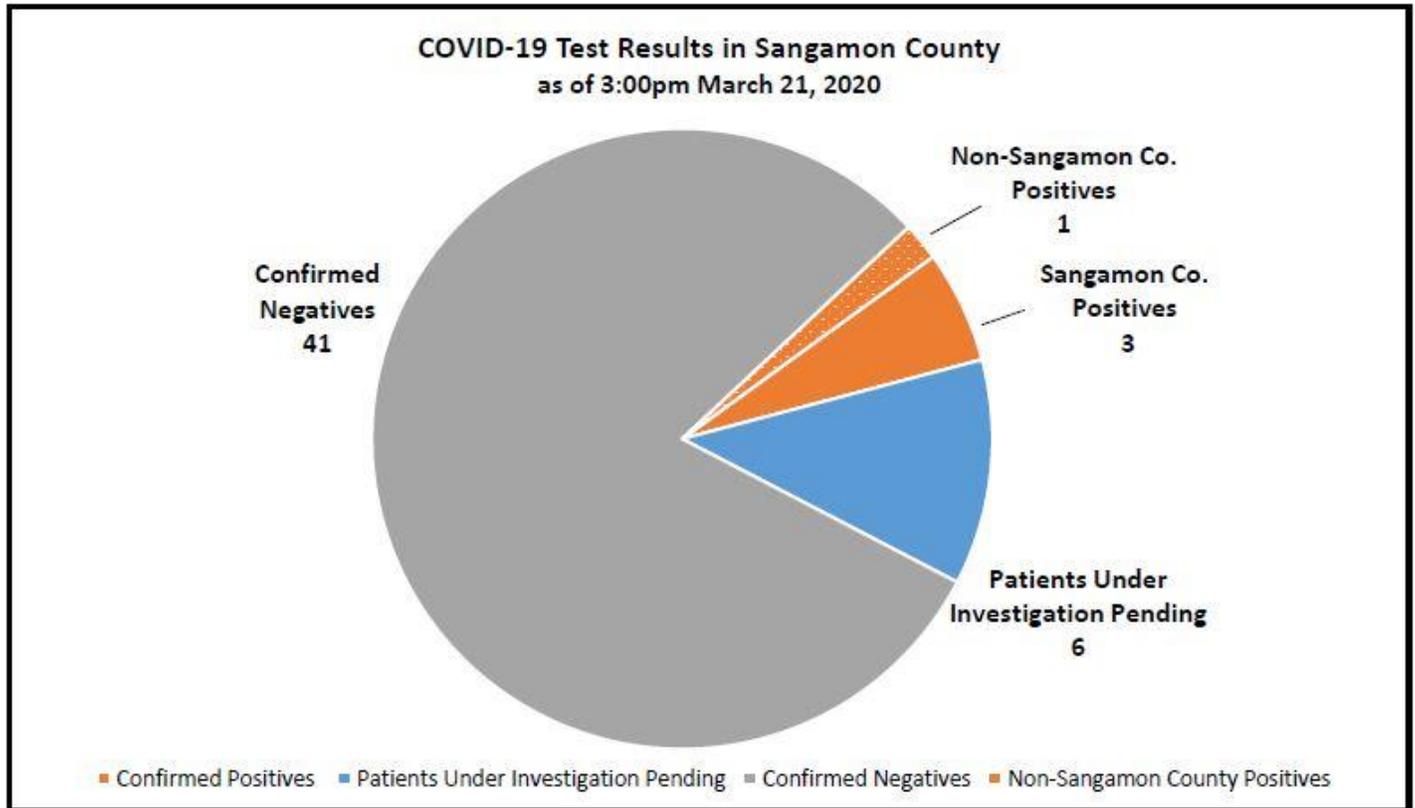
On Friday, March 20th, Governor Pritzker issued Executive Order 2020-10 requiring all Illinoisans to stay in their homes to prevent the further spread of COVID-19. The order prohibits things like visiting the homes of friends and holding gatherings of any size and closes all nonessential establishments, including most retail, recreation and entertainment businesses. It does NOT

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prohibit essential activities like going to the grocery store, receiving medical care, or taking your pet for a walk. For more information on what this order means for you, please visit <https://www2.illinois.gov/Pages/news-item.aspx?ReleaseID=21288>.

## Thank You to the Community

Thank you so much for your willingness to help our hospitals and healthcare providers at this time! We are deeply grateful for the outpouring of messages and support we have received in regard to cloth face masks. We will be accepting homemade face masks, but are working out donation logistics and will share information about how to donate them in the coming days.



Positive (Confirmed) Total:  
4  
Sangamon County Residents: 3  
Non-Sangamon County Residents: 1

Deaths  
1

Total Tested  
51

*\*Total tests authorized by SCDPH only\**



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\*The discrepancy between total number and County Health number is created because the hospitals are caring for patients from outside counties and at multiple locations, and because some of the tests are being done by independent labs, rather than by IDPH/County Health.