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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. They do not include the status of testing conducted in private labs.

March 22, 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	3	0

Donations from 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. Tomorrow we will announce more information about where and when community members can drop off donations and what will be accepted.
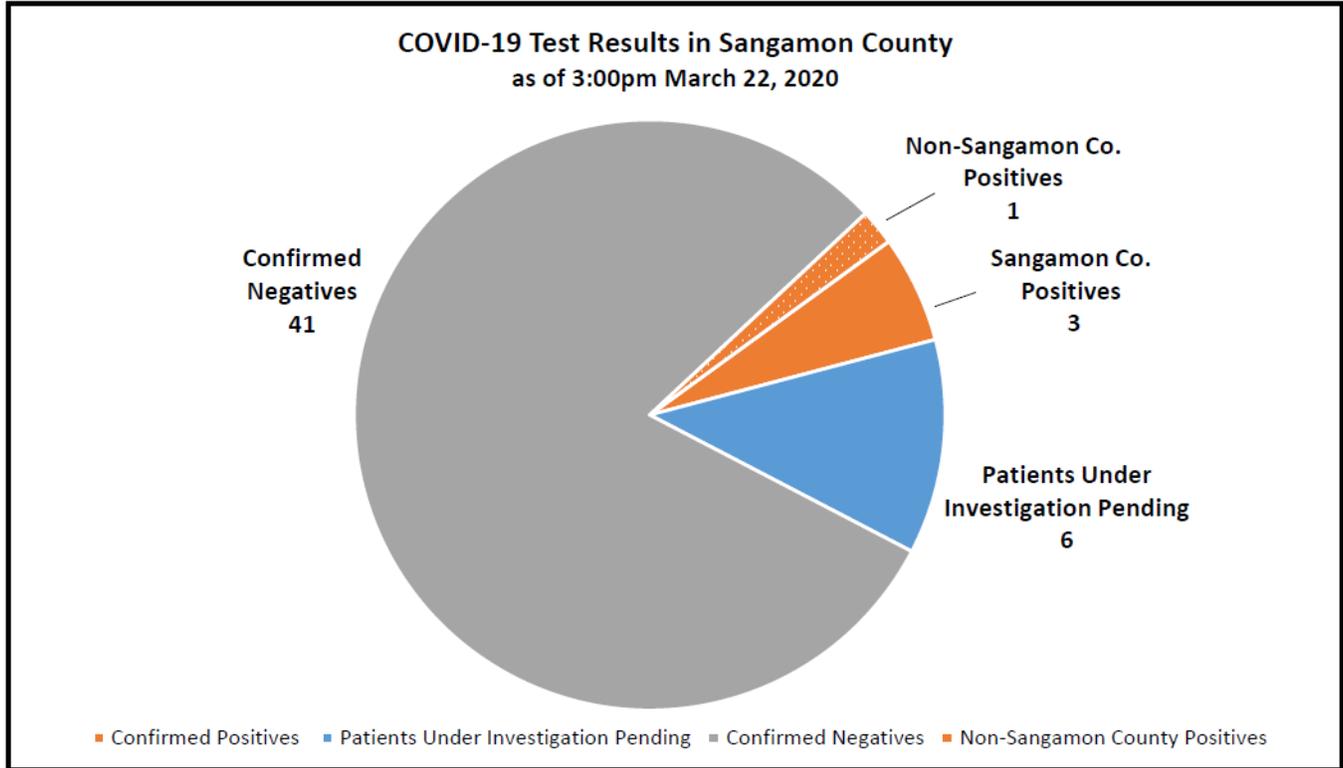
COVID-19 Hotline Update

The Sangamon County Department of Public Health has a phone line dedicated to answering questions about COVID-19. Beginning Monday, March 23rd, County Health personnel will answer calls between 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m.,7 days a week. County Health will look 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

COVID-19 Test Results in Sangamon County
as of 3:00pm March 22, 2020

Non-Sangamon Co. Positives
1

Sangamon Co. Positives
3

Confirmed Negatives
41

Patients Under Investigation Pending
6

- Confirmed Positives ▪ Patients Under Investigation Pending ▪ Confirmed Negatives ▪ Non-Sangamon County Positives

Positive (Confirmed) Total: 4 Sangamon County Residents: 3 Non- Sangamon County Residents: 1	Deaths 1	Total Tested 51

Total tests authorized by SCDPH only

that you have COVID-19 or are being evaluated for the virus. If possible, put on a face mask before medical personnel arrive.

*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.

Private/Independent Testing

As these updates continue and private/independent testing becomes more common, anticipate testing from private labs to be included in the daily totals. County Health will be working with

private labs to develop a tracking system with the most up to date numbers. In the coming days when we can provide an exact count and details of private lab test results we will update our reporting charts to include all tests issued within Sangamon County.