

# Media Update



**Public Health**  
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## Daily Tri-county Update COVID-19

### Peoria, Tazewell, Woodford Counties

*Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Known Positive Test Results  
Cases residing in these individual counties.*

	Peoria	Tazewell	Woodford	Totals
Confirmed Positive	27	19	7	53
Deaths	1	2	0	3

*Total number of persons reported electronically. Provisional and subject to change.*

### Local Hospital Data

*Data for all counties using local hospitals.*

PUI cases in ICU	Confirmed cases in ICU	Total ICU Usage for COVID-19	Total PUI/Confirmed in NON-ICU	Total Deaths reported in past 24 hours
10	6	16	18	1

*PUI are Persons Under Investigation for COVID-19*

### National Public Health Week

***Engaging the community to align best use of resources - Economics***

Public Health supports a community decision making process in the tri-county area. We support programs and activities – many of which meet identified health priorities or are directed at poverty.

Poverty exists in all of the tri-county area. One in five residents of the City of Peoria live in poverty with 1 in 4 children living in poverty. Poverty creates a multitude of health concerns such as an increase in chronic health conditions, food insecurity, housing instability, poorer birth outcomes, depression, and other mental health needs. These issues create stress for everyone, especially during a health crisis in the community.

Because COVID-19 is a novel virus appearing in our community, everyone is equally impacted by it. That is why health equity approaches are important in making sure that everyone has the opportunity for the highest level of health.

Current public health programs are in place to provide assistance to all families across the tri-county area - programs that support healthy food options, as well as reduce the burden and stress on families.

- ISPAN – Illinois State Physical Activity and Nutrition program promotes these goals:
  - To increase the number of places that support nutrition by encouraging moms to breastfeed their babies for as long as they want.
  - To connect neighborhoods with bike and walking routes to promote physical activity and increase social connectedness.
  - To encourage worksites to increase the offerings of healthy, nutritional food choices.
- WIC - Women, Infants and Children program promotes nutrition for pregnant women, breastfeeding moms, and young children.
- STD/HIV Testing – Sexually transmitted infections are a threat to good health in our communities. Local public health departments provide a safe environment for testing, counseling, and prevention services; eliminating the stigma of testing and promoting “*Get Yourself Tested.*”
- Policy and Planning Programs – Activities include pursuing joint grant funding, joint operations, and public health messaging for programs in the areas of breast cancer, lung cancer, food security, breastfeeding, social media, community engagement, and emerging public health threats - such as what we are experiencing with this COVID-19 pandemic.

The care and safety of our residents is our highest priority.

To find local information on the Tri-county community response to COVID-19, visit [www.pcchd.org/COVID19](http://www.pcchd.org/COVID19)

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