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## **8 ADDITIONAL CASES OF COVID-19 IDENTIFIED IN DELAWARE COUNTY**

**DELAWARE COUNTY, IN-** The Delaware County Health Department (DCHD) reports Thursday of 8 additional individuals within Delaware County having tested positive through lab testing for SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19 infection, bringing the total to 33 confirmed cases.

The DCHD continues working closely with the local and state officials to ensure that contacts of the patient are identified and that all infection control protocols are being followed.

These most recently confirmed cases include a male over the age of 40, a male over the age of 50, and 2 males over the age of 60; as well as a female over the age of 20, 2 females over the age of 30, and a female over the age of 70. No additional information about the patients will be released at this time due to privacy laws.

"It is absolutely critical at this point that the citizens of Delaware County make every effort to stay home and avoid exposure to others. More recent data suggests this virus may be transmitted much easier than previously thought. We anticipate the numbers statewide to climb drastically over the next 2 weeks. Our citizens hold the power, through their actions beginning today, to determine how many of those cases will be here in Delaware County", stated DCHD Administrator Jammie Bane.

Human coronaviruses most commonly spread from an infected person to others through:

- Respiratory droplets released into the air by coughing and sneezing;
- Close personal contact, such as touching or shaking hands;
- Touching an object or surface with the virus on it, then touching your mouth, nose, or eyes before washing your hands; and
- Rarely, fecal contamination.

The best way to protect yourself from any respiratory illness, including the flu, is to:

- Wash your hands often w/ soap & water for at least 20 seconds. If soap & water are not available, use alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid close contact (within 6 feet) with people who are sick.
- Stay home when you are sick.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.

The Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH) provides statewide updates as new information becomes available. Visit the ISDH website at [in.gov/coronavirus](http://in.gov/coronavirus) for the most up-to-date information on COVID-19 in Indiana.

For updated local information: The Delaware County Emergency Management Agency, in collaboration with the Delaware County GIS Department, have created and are maintaining a central location for local updates. Please visit the Delaware County, Indiana Coronavirus Hub at [www.dcema.com](http://www.dcema.com).

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