## **Delaware County Health Department**

125 North Mulberry St. Muncie, IN 47305 www.co.delaware.in.us



Phone: 765-747-7721 Fax: 765-747-7747

July 3rd, 2020

## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

## 15 NEW CASES OF COVID-19 IDENTIFIED IN DELAWARE COUNTY; 3 NEW DEATHS

**DELAWARE COUNTY, IN-** The Delaware County Health Department (DCHD) reports Friday of 3 additional deaths being identified and 15 additional individuals within Delaware County having tested positive through lab testing for SARS-CoV-2 (the virus that causes COVID-19 infection) since the last release on 06/25/2020. This brings the latest totals to 435 confirmed cases and 50 attributed deaths.

The 15 additional cases since our last report on 6/25/20 include:

- 3 individuals over the age of 20
- 1 individual over the age of 30
- 4 individuals over the age of 40
- 1 individual over the age 50
- 4 individuals over the age of 70
- 1 individual over the age of 80
- 1 individual over the age of 90

The 3 newly reported deaths occurred among residents of local long-term care facilities. There are 2 Delaware County cases currently hospitalized. (\*Additional hospitalizations from other counties may be present at IUBMH)

Case totals to date for local long-term care facilities are as follows:

Signature Healthcare: 44 cases confirmed

Water's Edge: 10 cases confirmed
Liberty Village: 28 cases confirmed
Yorktown Manor: 63 cases confirmed
Woodlands: 1 case confirmed

Elmcroft: 9 cases confirmed

• Morrison Woods: 2 cases confirmed

"As we have stated previously, with the improving weather and ongoing steps towards reopening, DCHD continues to encourage our local citizens to practice social distancing, proper hand hygiene, use of masks when in public and/or exposed to others, and overall vigilance concerning the health of themselves and their loved ones" stated DCHD Administrator, Jammie Bane. "We remain optimistic, but have concerns over the increase in travel nationwide and the risk it could pose to us here in Indiana. Avoiding crowds and gatherings is still suggested and wise, despite the Governor's Order's allowing such events to occur."

Earlier this month, the Indiana State Department of Health began assuming responsibility for case investigation and contact tracing throughout Indiana. This role was previously managed by local health departments. ISDH assumed responsibility of these tasks on May 18th for Delaware County. Due to this additional level of information filtration occurring, DCHD will continue with weekly press releases concerning case totals in an effort to ensure the data being reported is accurate. The Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH) provides statewide updates as new information becomes available. Visit the ISDH website at 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.

Jammie Bane, Administrator Delaware County Health Department jbane@co.delaware.in.us