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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

**413 NEW CASES OF COVID-19 IDENTIFIED IN DELAWARE COUNTY; 0 NEW DEATHS.
DELAWARE COUNTY COVID-19 RECOVERY DATA SURVEY NOW ONLINE.
ADDITIONAL TESTING SITES COMING SOON.**

DELAWARE COUNTY, IN- The Delaware County Health Department (DCHD) reports Friday of 0 new deaths and 413 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 08/28/2020, bringing the total to 1409 confirmed cases and 54 deaths.

The 413 additional cases since our last report on 08/28/20 include:

- 71 individuals under the age of 20
- 234 individuals over the age of 20
- 23 individuals over the age of 30
- 18 individuals over the age of 40
- 28 individuals over the age of 50
- 16 individuals over the age of 60
- 16 individuals over the age of 70
- 6 individuals over the age of 80
- 1 individual over the age of 90

Additional cases may be present at Ball State University. Positive case reports are assigned based on county of residence; therefore, Delaware County only receives Delaware County resident results directly. Ball State University is actively engaged in testing and internal contact tracing to ensure proper management of its student population.

There are 5 Delaware County cases currently hospitalized. (Additional hospitalizations from other counties may be present at IUBMH).

In partnership with the Delaware County Health Department, the Delaware County Office of Information & GIS Services has launched a new online survey in order to better gather data on COVID-19 illness recoveries within Delaware County. This short survey is intended to assist us as we work towards a better understanding of the effects and current status of COVID-19 in our community. Anyone who has tested positive for COVID-19 at any time is encouraged and requested to complete the short survey available at <https://arcg.is/Of8bD>. An additional partnership between the agencies has seen the creation of a GIS map used to plot and monitor the spread of COVID-19 within Delaware County.

“As we’ve explained before, we have anticipated a growth in positive case numbers following the influx of students into the community for the 2020-2021 academic school year at Ball State. Ball State has been very proactive in the engagement of their student population, and continues to be a valuable partner in the overall management of the pandemic locally. Our hope is that this new map will allow us to better monitor where and when new cases are identified, and the survey can assist in gathering updated status information about our previously identified cases. These new tools should provide a better understanding of the status, spread, and growth in numbers of positive COVID-19 cases across the county” states DCHD Administrator, Jammie Bane.

The Delaware County Health Department is also pleased to announce that under grant funding provided by the Indiana State Department of Health, a new local partnership will bring the upcoming launch of new COVID-19 testing sites within the community. More information on locations, hours of operation, and other details to be announced.

For ongoing, updated local information: The Delaware County Emergency Management Agency, in collaboration with the Delaware County Office of Information and GIS Services, have created and are maintaining a central location for local updates. Please visit the Delaware County, Indiana Coronavirus Hub at www.dcema.com.

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