

# Media Release



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## First Positive COVID-19 Case in Peoria County

**Peoria, Tazewell, Woodford Counties-** A resident of Peoria County has tested positive for coronavirus disease (COVID-19). The individual was screened over the phone and tested at home by OSF HealthCare. Public health officials were notified of a positive test, according to state and local public health protocol. The individual is currently recovering at home and is in isolation.

Peoria City/County Health Department is working closely with health officials from OSF HealthCare and the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH), investigating and notifying any individuals who may have had exposure to the individual who tested positive for COVID-19.

The care and safety of our residents is our highest priority. All partners and organizations involved in this COVID-19 community response in the tri-county area remain fully prepared to respond to COVID-19 cases. Public health, hospital systems, and first responders maintain highly trained infection control teams, specialized equipment, and protocols consistent with the latest guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Individuals who have questions or concerns about COVID-19 can contact the Illinois Department of Public Health Hotline at 1-800-889-3931.

Residents are encouraged to learn more about COVID-19 and how to protect families and the community from being exposed to the virus:

- Stay home when you are sick.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Prevent community spread by staying away from crowds.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, or use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces using a regular household cleaning spray or wipe.

Find more 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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