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## A look at your local business community



The Macomb Area Chamber of Commerce is currently compiling a list of our local business and the impact that this health pandemic has on their hours of operation, policies, and more. We will update this list as new information is available. Our staff is working as hard as possible with the resources we have, so if you do not see a business listed, please feel free to contact our office with any information you are able to provide and we would be happy to get them added.

You will also find a list of resources for you and your business. Please note, that we are not government experts, lawyers, or bankers; however, we will certainly do our best to connect you the vital resources that you need at this time. Thank you.

[Visit our Website](#)

### Executive Director Letter

Dear Chamber Members,

We can all safely say that this time has changed the way we now do business. To assist our local retailers, we are now starting a list on our website of those businesses who offer gift certificates and online shopping with delivery options. If you would like to be included on our website at [www.macombareachamber.com](http://www.macombareachamber.com), please email me all contact information (phone, websites, etc.) and details so I can post them. Due to time limits, I am not able to look up individual business contacts. We hope this helps the community continue to support you and your business in a safe way.



Please remember that the Chamber office is not open to the public and that Shay and I are working remotely. You can contact me anytime at [lauren@macombareachamber.com](mailto:lauren@macombareachamber.com). If you need to purchase a gift certificate, please contact me and I can arrange a purchase. If you need to redeem gift certificates, please mail them to the Chamber and I will mail you a check. Otherwise, contact me and we can make other arrangements.

Thinking of you all, but from afar. Stay safe, everyone!

Lauren Merritt  
Executive Director  
Macomb Area Chamber of Commerce

Email Lauren

## Marketing Director Letter

Hello,

After many weeks of Shelter in Place, this is now our "new normal." We are a world living the motto: "Together. Apart." Some of us have hit our stride, adapted, and are now just making it work. Some of us are still struggling, still longing for the end to it all. Wherever you are in the process, we at the Chamber intend to meet you there and help you along the way. You've seen it on signs, in commercials, on greeting cards - but it's true; "We are all in this together."



Often when I don't know what to say or what to write, I turn to those much smarter than me for inspiration. I keep the quotes of this guy, sometimes literally, in my back pocket:

"The best thing about the future is that it comes one day at a time." - Abraham Lincoln

While there is a general discomfort in living by the day, hour, and even by the minute right now; we invite you to take comfort in the fact that we at the Macomb Area Chamber of Commerce will provide you the latest information on our website [here](#) so that you can make the safest choice for yourself and your business.

In our first return to normalcy will return to a monthly newsletter to help keep you informed, while remaining respectful of your growing email list. It will still include all the relevant news you need and we invite you to submit your updates, flyers, resources, and more FREE of charge so that we can help you reach others and stay connected as you stay safe and stay inside. We invite you to follow us on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) for the latest news for you and your business.

We are a resilient community and we know you are still dedicated to your professions, so we are still sending email blasts, promoting our members on social media, and helping you to market your business in new and innovative ways. Please send all content, questions or concerns to me via email and I will be happy to connect you with the resources you need as soon as I can. Thank you.

Be well and be well to others.

Shay Holland  
Marketing Director

Email Shay

## The City of Macomb

The City of Macomb is actively working with several local agencies and state authorities to provide the clearest and most up-to-date information for all citizens. To find a list of resources, visit their website.

The State of Illinois has established the Downstate Small Business Stabilization Grant Program with \$20,000,000 in CDBG funding. The grant is for 60 days of working capital up to \$25,000 for non-essential businesses, restaurants, and bars. The City of Macomb is partnering with small businesses within the City limits of Macomb that would like to apply for the grant. Please look over the grant materials provided on the City of Macomb website and call John Bannon at the Office of Community Development at (309) 833-4944 before beginning the application. After contact with the Office of Community Development, businesses will be responsible for filling out all information in the "Application City of Macomb Downstate Small Business Stabilization Program.



City of Macomb

## McDonough District Hospital

McDonough District Hospital is working with the McDonough County Health Department, McDonough County Emergency Services, and Disaster Agency during the COVID-19 crisis.

As of April 1, McDonough District Hospital has implemented a new visitor policy to ensure increased safety of staff and patients at this time.

For the latest updates and specifics, please view the MDH website below.



MDH.org



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For Immediate Release  
Contact: McDonough County Health Department (309) 837-9951  
Monday through Thursday 7:30-5 PM

April 13, 2020

**Second Positive Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) Case in McDonough County**

Macomb, Ill- The Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) and McDonough County Health Department (MCHD) announce that a second McDonough County resident has tested positive for COVID-19. The resident is a female in her 20s. She is isolating at home and CDC protocols have been implemented. She does not report any significant travel.

Public health officials are working to identify and actively monitor individuals who were in contact with the resident in an effort to reduce the risk of additional transmission.

Illinois has had 20,852 previously confirmed cases of COVID-19 in 86 counties with 720 deaths. As the number of cases rises, continued compliance with the Stay at Home Order, Social Distancing Requirements, and Cessation of Non-essential Business Operations is increasingly important to slow the spread of COVID-19 to provide for the most efficient and effective use of resources within the healthcare system.

Symptoms reported among patients have included mild to severe respiratory illness with fever, cough, and difficulty breathing. Public health officials are encouraging the public to remain vigilant about keeping germs from spreading, by covering coughs and sneezes, washing hands with warm soap and water, and staying home when sick. If a person is experiencing unmanageable symptoms of fever, cough, or shortness of breath, they should call their primary healthcare provider or the McDonough District Hospital's nurse telephone hotline at (309) 836-1715. This hotline is operating from 7 a.m.-7 p.m 7 days a week.

**Additional Resources:**

Get the most up-to-date local information at: the McDonough County Emergency Information Facebook page, the MCHD Facebook page, [www.mchdept.com](http://www.mchdept.com), and [www.MDH.org/COVID19](http://www.MDH.org/COVID19).

For information on actions you, your school, workplace, and community can take, please visit CDC's [Steps to Stay Safe from COVID-19](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/faq.html). For general questions about COVID-19, call the Illinois COVID-19 Hotline at 1-800-889-3931 or email [dph.sick@illinois.gov](mailto:dph.sick@illinois.gov), or visit <http://www.dph.illinois.gov/topics-services/diseases-and-conditions/diseases-a-z-list/coronavirus>.

# 10 things you can do to manage your health at home

## If you have possible or confirmed COVID-19:

1. **Stay home** from work, school, and away from other public places. If you must go out, avoid using any kind of public transportation, ridesharing, or taxis.



2. **Monitor your symptoms** carefully. If your symptoms get worse, call your healthcare provider immediately.



3. **Get rest and stay hydrated.**



4. If you have a medical appointment, **call the healthcare provider** ahead of time and tell them that you have or may have COVID-19.



5. For medical emergencies, call 911 and **notify the dispatch personnel** that you have or may have COVID-19.



6. **Cover your cough and sneezes.**



7. **Wash your hands often** with soap and water for at least 20 seconds or clean your hands with an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.



8. As much as possible, **stay** in a specific room and **away from other people** in your home. Also, you should use a separate bathroom, if available. If you need to be around other people in or outside of the home, wear a facemask.



9. **Avoid sharing personal items** with other people in your household, like dishes, towels, and bedding.



10. **Clean all surfaces** that are touched often, like counters, tabletops, and doorknobs. Use household cleaning sprays or wipes according to the label instructions.



Please go to [www.cdc.gov/covid19-symptoms](https://www.cdc.gov/covid19-symptoms) for information on COVID-19 symptoms.

For more information: [www.cdc.gov/COVID19](https://www.cdc.gov/COVID19)



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CDC.gov

## Business Assistance

Under the direction of Governor JB Pritzker, the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity is working with partners to launch emergency assistance programs for Illinois small businesses. These initiatives include the Hospitality Emergency Grant Program, Illinois Small Business Emergency Loan Fund, and Downstate Small Business Stabilization Program. For business assistance resources, please visit the following sites.



## Western Illinois University

Western Illinois University is continuing to closely monitor the Coronavirus. This is an evolving situation, and updates are available from the Illinois Department of Public Health and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), including updated Travel Notices for countries with community transmission. The University's Pandemic Preparedness and Response Committee is following guidelines from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control (CDC), the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH), and national, regional, and local medical providers. They have set up their own webpage, which is intended to provide information about COVID-19 and the University's response and actions. Visit the university website for more information.



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## Spoon River College

### A Message from President Curt Oldfield

As we continue to deal with the impact of Coronavirus (COVID-19), I want to remind everyone that the health and safety of our students, faculty, staff, and guests remains our primary concern. This is an unprecedented situation for the country, state, communities, and our college.

- As of March 23, Spoon River College will offer alternative instruction for the rest of the spring semester. Faculty will contact students about individual course instructional plans to complete the spring semester.
- Due to the shelter in place guidance from Governor J.B. Pritzker, Spoon River College will remain operational but closed to students and the public.



**Please review our FAQs section for the latest updates. This FAQs section will be time and date stamped, so check back often.**

SRC FAQ

## In Macomb and Across Illinois, Shoppers are Encouraged to Stay at Home – and Shop Local

The Macomb Area Chamber of Commerce is joining chambers and small businesses across the state of Illinois to launch the 'IL'ove Local campaign to encourage people to support local businesses during the week of April 11-18. Help us show the local love all this week by supporting our stores, restaurants and businesses in a safe and responsible manner. You can find a list of local businesses, as well as gift certificate and gift card information on our website [here](#). Follow us on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) as we celebrate the little things that make up a community with a big heart. See the link below for details.



[IL'ove Local](#)

### Local Dining

To ensure that the community has access to our local restaurants offering delivery, carry out, and curbside pick up during this time, The City of Macomb Downtown Development Office is currently listing restaurant menus within the Macomb area on their Facebook page. We encourage you to eat local and #keepinmacomb, while also practicing social distancing appropriately. Please consider continuing to support our local restaurants and all local businesses in whatever way you can in the coming weeks and months.



All additional menu pictures can be sent to [kterry@cityofmacomb.com](mailto:kterry@cityofmacomb.com)

The City of Macomb is temporarily changing a liquor ordinance in the midst of the coronavirus outbreak. Macomb officials announced businesses can temporarily sell original packaged liquor through curbside pick-up, carry-out, delivery and drive-thru. This move comes while Illinois is under a stay-at-home order and restaurants and bars are not allowed to offer dine-in services due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Officials said workers selling or delivering alcohol and customers must be at least 21 years old and provide photo ID for proof of age. The temporary measure will continue while dine-in services are shuttered in Illinois

[Menus](#)

## Go West Transit

UPDATE: In an attempt to limit our drivers potential exposure, we ask that our passengers enter and exit the rear of the vehicle. If needed the ramp and kneeling of the vehicle is still available to anyone who needs it. We have also placed signs on the bus to remind everyone to please practice the six feet social distancing. As we continue to adhere to the social distancing directive we have taped off some seats on the buses in order to remind everyone to maintain their distance. Please do not sit in these seats. In certain instances a bus may be "At Capacity" due to social distancing. When this occurs the driver will display "At Capacity" and will bypass a bus stop. We realize that is an inconvenience but it is vital that we do our part to help prevent the spread of COVID-19. We greatly appreciate everyone's patience and understanding as we continue to provide our community with transportation to and from ESSENTIAL services.



Go West



## Let's Get Social:



Facebook.com/macombchamber



Instagram.com/macombareachamber

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