

# MONDAY NEWSLETTER

A weekly update from your local business community

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## Chamber Office Update

Dear Chamber Members,

Life as we know it has been turned upside down. Many of you are operating in ways you probably never imaged. Others have had to temporarily close due to the shelter in place order. Most of you are probably hurting financially and that's a hard pill to swallow. There is funding available, both loans and grants, that small businesses can apply for through the [Small Business Association](#) and [State of Illinois](#). We have also compiled additional information at [www.macombareachamber.com/coronavirus](http://www.macombareachamber.com/coronavirus).

Please fill out this [survey](#) on whether or not your business has applied for any forms of funding. I am gathering information for our local workforce investment office and your answers are very helpful. All answers are anonymous. We will continue to send you information and resources as they become available. If you have made changes to your operating procedures or hours, please let us know and we will update our [Business Operations and Hours page](#). This page has had a lot of traffic, so take advantage of this opportunity. I will link to your Facebook or web page, as well.

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).

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

Lauren Merritt  
Executive Director  
Macomb Area Chamber of Commerce



## Weekly Newsletter

Hello,

It is safe to say that we now have begun to really see the impact that COVID-19 is having on our lives. Some of you are now working from home, some of you have had to shut your business for an unknown amount of time, some of you are struggling to get dressed, some of you have completely forgotten what day it is, some of you are scared, some of you are losing faith, some of you are missing your

favorite restaurant or store, some of you are now teachers as well as parents and business professionals. We know that some of you hate the term "social distancing" are missing your family, friends, coworkers and customers. But we also know that when given a challenge, Macomb is one of those "underdog" towns who pulls together to be more solid than ever before.



We have seen you all donate pounds of food to keep your neighbors fed, health professionals donate their time to keep our community healthy, and windows all over town are now decorated with the ultimate symbol of love - hearts; so that whoever sees them feels lifted up for just a second.

We know that the business community, our city, and the world look a whole lot different right now. While we do not yet know how this will fully affect our community, we at the Macomb Area Chamber of Commerce are committed to being a source of information for you as it develops. Find all the latest information on our website at [www.macombareachamber.com/coronavirus](http://www.macombareachamber.com/coronavirus).

To help keep you informed, we will now send a weekly newsletter each Monday with all the latest news that you need to share to as many people as possible. 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. And while this is all going on, we encourage you to share the positives with us as well, because we've seen you out there being the helpers, finding the silver lining, and celebrating the wins in life (no matter how small) - share those with us too, because we all know that #macombmatters.

Please send all content to [shay@macombareachamber.com](mailto:shay@macombareachamber.com). It may take me a little bit longer to get back to you right now, but I assure you that you are important to us, now and always. We welcome you to email with any questions, concerns, or suggestions and we will try to help you get the resources you need as soon as we can.

Thank you and be well.

Shay Holland  
Marketing Director  
Macomb Area Chamber of Commerce

## Local Business Updates



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/etc. 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. Please click on the gray button below for more information.

## COVID - 19

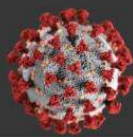
### City of Macomb



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

### City of Macomb

### COVID-19 Update



# COVID-19 Update



McDonough District Hospital



McDonough County  
Emergency Services  
and Disaster Agency



McDonough County  
Health Department

[www.MDH.org/COVID19](http://www.MDH.org/COVID19)

[www.MCESDA.com](http://www.MCESDA.com)

[www.mchdept.com](http://www.mchdept.com)

## Coronavirus nurse telephone hotline and drive-thru screening station.

McDonough District Hospital has implemented a coronavirus nurse telephone hotline and a drive-thru screening station. These services will be open seven days a week.

If a person is experiencing symptoms of fever, cough, or shortness of breath they should call the nurse telephone hotline at (309) 836-1715 or their primary healthcare provider. The nurse telephone hotline will operate from 7 a.m.-7 p.m.

The drive-thru screening station will operate from 8 a.m.-8 p.m.

Patients **MUST be pre-registered** to access the drive-thru service. Patients that have not called the MDH nurse telephone hotline or their primary healthcare provider will be asked to call the hotline to pre-register. All testing requires an order by a physician or nurse practitioner. We ask for no more than two occupants per vehicle.

Screening procedures will test for Influenza A & B, strep, and COVID-19 as per the protocol followed by the nurse telephone hotline or primary healthcare provider.

## What if I feel sick, what do I do?

- **Stay home and in touch with your primary healthcare provider**
- **Avoid public transportation**
- **Stay away from others**
- **Limit contact with pets and animals**
- **Wash hands often**
- **Clean and disinfect**

## What symptoms do I look for?

The following symptoms may appear 2-14 days after exposure.\*

- **Fever**
- **Cough**
- **Shortness of breath**

If you develop emergency warning signs for COVID-19 get medical attention immediately. Emergency warning signs include\*:

- **Difficulty breathing or shortness of breath**
- **Persistent pain or pressure in the chest**
- **New confusion or inability to arouse**
- **Bluish lips or face**

\*This list is not all inclusive. Please call your primary healthcare provider for any other symptoms that are severe or concerning.

For additional information, like us on Facebook at McDonough County Emergency Information



# 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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McDonough County Hospital

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

MDH



## Small Business Assistance

On March 25, Gov. Pritzker announced a new package of emergency assistance programs for small businesses in need of additional capital, totaling more than \$90 million.

Illinois businesses will be able to apply to these programs on the Department of Commerce and



**STATE OF ILLINOIS**

**Coronavirus (COVID-19) Response**

Economic Opportunity (DCEO) [website](#). For more information, on business assistance, please visit the link below.

## Business Assistance

## 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, precautions that are being taken and prevention measures you can take, as well as information on the effects of measures various governments are taking to mitigate the outbreak. Individuals with questions can email [covid-19@wiu.edu](mailto:covid-19@wiu.edu).

The Western Illinois University GIS Center, in cooperation with the Department of Earth, Atmospheric, and Geographic Information Sciences (EAGIS), have assembled a statewide web map to monitor the spread of COVID-19 (coronavirus) in Illinois. Visit [wiu.edu](http://wiu.edu) 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.



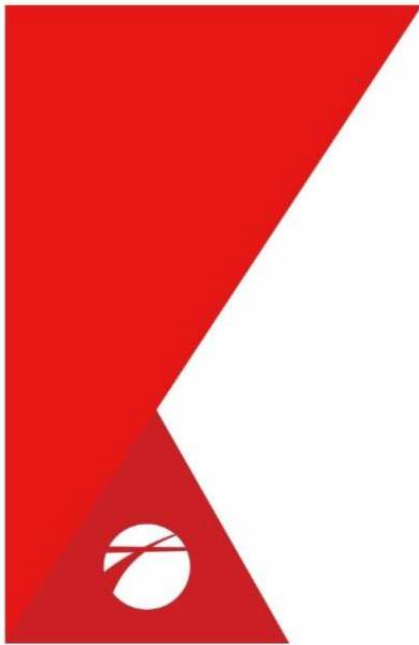
- Beginning Monday, March 23, 2020, Spoon River College will offer alternative instruction for the rest of the spring semester. Faculty will contact students about individual course instructional plans to complete the spring semester.
- Only essential staff, identified by administration, will work on campus. Essential staff will be notified by the President. Some employees will report to campus on an as needed basis that will be determined by their supervisor, in groups of 10 or fewer, and observing the 6 foot distancing rule. All other staff will work from home. All employees will be paid for their regularly scheduled hours.
- The College will remain operational but closed to the public from March 23, 2020 to April 12, 2020.

Please review our [FAQs section](#) for the latest updates. This FAQs section will be time and date stamped, so check back often.

## Spoon River

## The Crossing - Macomb

The Crossing Macomb (1600 W. Jackson Street) is currently planning to hold a drive up food pantry pick up this Thursday at 5:30 pm. There is no proof of need required. The church is accepting all donations of non-expired food and supplies at this time. Please contact the church for more information.



THE CROSSING - MACOMB

# FOOD PANTRY PICK UP

ALREADY ASSEMBLED BAGS OF FOOD WILL BE  
AVAILABLE FOR PICK UP ON

THURSDAY 5:30-6:30 PM.

(DIAPERS & WIPES AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST)  
WE ARE ASKING GUESTS TO REMAIN IN THEIR  
VEHICLES IN A SINGLE FILE LINE IN FRONT OF THE  
CHURCH. STAFF & VOLUNTEERS WILL BRING FOOD  
TO YOUR VEHICLE.



**THE CROSSING  
M A C O M B**

## Our Food Pantry Needs You!!!

WE GAVE AWAY EVERY ITEM OF FOOD  
WE HAD IN 30 MINUTES LAST WEEK!!  
BELOW ARE THE ITEMS WE NEED:

Spaghetti O's	Hamburger Helper
Canned Veggies	Soups
Canned Fruit	Cereal
Spaghetti Sauce	Oatmeal
Canned Beans	Pancake Mix
Applesauce	Syrup
Canned Meat	Mac & Cheese
Peanut Butter	Macaroni
Jelly	Spaghetti
Ramen Noodles	Potatoes
Diapers Sz 3 & 5	
Baby Wipes	

*You can drop Items off  
at the church 1-3 Sat & 12-1 Monday*

*Thanks!!!*

The Crossing

Alzheimer's Association

As the coronavirus changes what our daily life looks like, we know your new normal may look a little different too. Now is a time that we all must take care of our families in our homes first. We wanted you to know that even though the Association's physical offices may be closed for now, the Alzheimer's Association is open and here for you and your community. Please do not hesitate to reach out to me at (217) 641-0141 or email me at [crobertson@alz.org](mailto:crobertson@alz.org) if you have any questions, concerns or if you just need to chat.



The Alzheimer's Association is still here for you and your community and is still offering the following:

- Our free 24/7 helpline (800-272-3900) is available around the clock, 365 days a year. If you, a loved one or anyone you know needs to talk, do not hesitate to reach out. Our professional staff provides reliable information and support to all those who need assistance.
- The Alzheimer's Association website [alz.org](http://alz.org), is a rich resource designed to inform and educate those living with the disease, caregivers, volunteers, and professional health care providers.
- We have COVID-19 tips for dementia caregivers. Most likely, dementia does not increase the risk for COVID-19, just like dementia does not increase the risk for the flu. However, dementia-related behaviors, increased age and common health conditions that often accompany dementia may increase risk.
- Access online, web-based and telephone education programs, and support groups, by going to [communityresourcefinder.org](http://communityresourcefinder.org) and clicking on Alzheimer's Association programs and events.



We will be monitoring and giving updates as we continue to move forward during this time of uncertainty. We will be in touch again soon to bring you up to date on what's happening with the Alzheimer's Association, but for now, please take care of those you hold dear.

Warm Regards,

Cheri Robertson  
Alzheimer's Association Illinois Chapter

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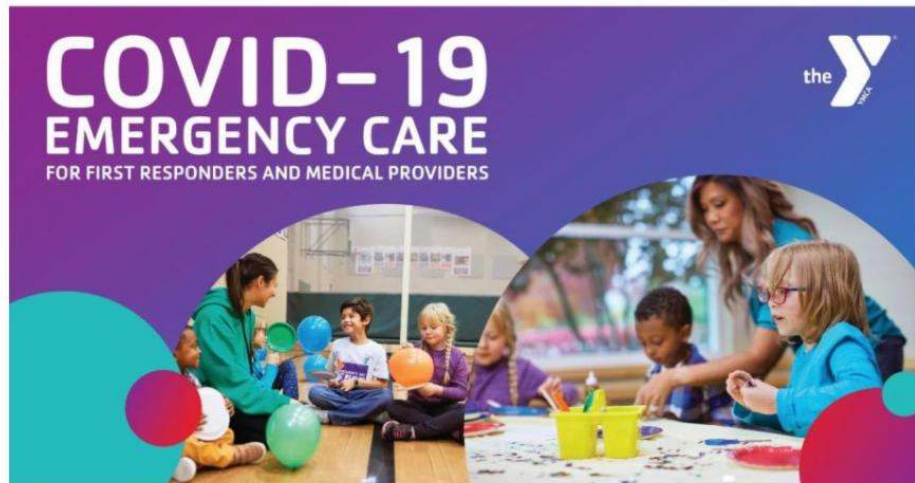


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# WE ARE HERE TO HELP

Our YMCA Community Child Care Center is OPEN to First Responders, Medical Staff and any essential businesses still running during the IL Governor's stay home Executive Order. This includes but is not limited to: Grocery Stores, Banks, Gas Stations, and or Pharmacies.

If you need Child Care We Are Here to Help! We have applied as an EMERGENCY DAY CARE PROGRAM CENTER under the guidance and approval of IL Dept of Human Services, IL DCF, IL Board of Education and the Governor's Office of Early Childhood Development. If you need Child Care for children ages 6 weeks -5 years old, please call us at 309-836-7520 we are OPEN 6:45am-5:30pm Mon-Fri.



YMCA Community Child Care Center 520 E Piper St Macomb, IL 61455 (309) 836-7520

Due to the emergent food needs in the area, The Little Free Library, a box once holding free reading materials located outside of the YMCA, has now been turned into a Little Free Food Bank. Donations may be dropped off at 400 East Calhoun Street.

YMCA

## 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 entire Macomb area on their Facebook. We encourage you to eat local and #keepitinmacomb, 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.



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

## Due Date Extensions

**Motor Vehicles:** Expiration dates for driver's licenses, identification (ID) cards, vehicle registrations and other transactions and document filings will be extended for the duration of the disaster proclaimed by Governor Pritzker and 30 days after the disaster ends. See more information and Illinois Secretary of State FAQ at [www.cyberdriveillinois.com](http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com)

**Income Tax:** The Treasury Department and Internal Revenue Service announced today that the federal income tax filing due date is automatically extended from April 15, 2020, to July 15, 2020. Taxpayers can also defer federal income tax payments due on April 15, 2020, to July 15, 2020, without penalties and interest, regardless of the amount owed. This deferment applies to all taxpayers, including individuals, trusts and estates, corporations and other non-corporate tax filers as well as those who pay self-employment tax.



Taxpayers do not need to file any additional forms or call the IRS to qualify for this automatic federal tax filing and payment relief. Individual taxpayers who need additional time to file beyond the July 15 deadline, can request a filing extension by filing Form 4868 through their tax professional, tax software or using the Free File link on IRS.gov. Businesses who need additional time must file Form 7004.

The IRS urges taxpayers who are due a refund to file as soon as possible. Most tax refunds are still being issued within 21 days.

The IRS will continue to monitor issues related to the COVID-19 virus, and updated information will be posted on a special [coronavirus page](#) on IRS.gov.

**Public Library:** The Macomb Public Library has adjusted the due date due to April 6 for all checked out items. The library is currently closed, but will check the book drop once per day. Please hold all DVD and AV materials if possible so they may be returned once the building is open again. If the library must remain closed past the April date, the return date for checked out materials will be postponed. For more information, visit [Macomb Public Library](#).

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