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### **HEALTH OFFICIALS STRESS IMPORTANCE OF STAYING HOME AS LOCAL CONFIRMED CASES DOUBLE**

**Bloomington:** The Monroe County Health Department (MCHD) and IU Health Bloomington Hospital urge residents to follow Governor Holcomb's Stay-At-Home order as the number of confirmed local COVID-19 cases rise sharply.

Monroe County Health Department Administrator Penny Caudill reports that COVID-19 cases have doubled in the last 24 hours, going from 8 on Friday to 16 on Saturday, 3/28/20.

"We've been expecting a rise in case numbers as testing increases and as we follow the data across the state and nation. This underscores why the Governor put his orders in place and why we must heed the directive in order to reduce the spread of this virus. We should assume that we ourselves may be infected and take appropriate actions so we don't spread the virus to others as a means to protect our family, friends and community and to prevent deaths" states Caudill.

The public health partners state it is important to work together as a community to stay home, stay safe and stay healthy. The most important way to minimize the impact of COVID-19 is to regularly practice safety precautions like frequent hand washing, staying home if you are sick, practicing cough etiquette and hygiene, not touching your face and social distancing yourself from others who may be sick.

IU Health Bloomington Hospital says that keeping health care workers safe is a top priority so they are available to care for those who need it. They are doing everything in their power to minimize the risk of exposure to the virus to team members, their families and their patients.

Health officials also recommend staying informed with accurate information.



The Monroe County Health Department is dedicated to transparency and pledges to keep the community informed by sharing information by press releases as well as its webpage at [www.co.monroe.in.us/HealthDepartment](http://www.co.monroe.in.us/HealthDepartment) and its Facebook page. Up to date information on Indiana coronavirus cases can also be found at ISDH at <https://www.in.gov/coronavirus/>.

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