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LOGAN COUNTY SEEING POSSIBLE COVID-19 RESURGENCE

The Logan County Department of Public Health is urging citizens to continue to stay protected and to be responsible by preventing the spread of COVID-19. This reminder comes as signs of a resurgence in the number of COVID-19 cases appears to be rising throughout Illinois and in Logan County. This means mask wearing, hand washing, social distancing and vaccinations will remain critical.

On March 13, 2021, according to State of Illinois statistics, Logan County reported a 7-day rolling average test positivity rate of 0.7. On March 23, 2021, this number nearly tripled to 2.0. According to the LCDPH Public Health Administrator, Don Cavi, "These numbers are of concern and we will continue to monitor the situation. From a health and economic standpoint, the last thing anyone wants is for the numbers to revert to what we experienced previously. To prevent this, it will take the continued efforts of the community to work together."

LCDPH supports the goal of the State of Illinois to increase herd immunity through widespread vaccination. By becoming vaccinated, you can protect yourself from becoming infected while helping to protect the community. LCDPH continues to make vaccinations possible by offering clinics throughout March and April.

As more population groups are becoming vaccinated, LCDPH is opening their clinic for anyone 18 years of age and older. This is the time to take advantage of the opportunity as

clinic spots are now becoming available. For clinic dates and registration information, visit the LCDPH website homepage at <u>WWW.LCDPH.ORG</u>. If you are not able to register online, you can contact LCDPH at 217-735-2317 to schedule your appointment.