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TWO DEATHS & THIRTEEN NEW COVID-19 CASES IN JACKSON COUNTY

Phase 1b Vaccinations Continue

Jackson County Health Department sadly announces the Covid-related death of two individuals; a female in her seventies, and a male in his eighties. Public health staff express our condolences.

JCHD was notified in the past 24 hours of 13 Jackson County residents having contracted COVID-19. The individuals are as follows:

- Female – one under ten, two in their twenties, and one in her thirties;
- Male – two in their twenties, two in their thirties, two in their fifties, and three in their sixties.

158 active cases are currently being managed. To date, there have been 4,489 cases in the county, including 68 related deaths. Eleven individuals were released from isolation, in accordance with CDC guidelines, bringing the total released to 4,263 individuals.

If you have a fever, cough, difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle aches, loss of taste or smell, nausea, diarrhea, or other symptoms, call your health care provider for further guidance. Two providers are conducting COVID-19 testing in Jackson County: Call either Southern Illinois Healthcare (SIH) at 1-844-988-7800; or Shawnee Health Service at 618-519-9200.

Jackson County Health Department is vaccinating individuals eligible under Phases 1a & 1b of the State vaccination plan. Those eligible include persons 65 years of age and older and “frontline” essential workers. Due to overwhelming demand and limited vaccine supply, all scheduled clinic appointments through the end of February have been booked, except for some reserved for 2nd doses only. If vaccine supply were to increase then we would open additional appointments. For questions or assistance, please call JCHD at 618/684-3143. No walk-in vaccinations are occurring at the health department. People may also reference our weekly “COVID-19 Vaccination Update” for answers to many questions. The update is posted every Friday to our website (www.jchdonline.org).

Some retail pharmacies have begun vaccinating eligible individuals, as well. Walgreens on Wall Street in Carbondale, and both Kroger locations in the county, are currently taking appointments for eligible individuals through their online platforms.

The vaccination effort will last many months. As vaccine supply increases, and other medical providers and pharmacies begin vaccinating, the speed of vaccination efforts will increase. Every person wanting vaccinated will eventually be served. Please be patient and continue to take precautions to protect yourself and your family from the spread of COVID-19.