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SIX ADDITIONAL COVID-19 POSITIVES IN JACKSON COUNTY

Jackson County Health Department was notified in the past 24 hours of six Jackson County residents confirmed to have contracted COVID-19. The individuals are as follows:

- Females – one in her forties, and one in her fifties;
- Males – two in their twenties, and two in their sixties.

These individuals either acquired the disease through close contact with a known case, or through transmission in the community (i.e., unable to trace back to a known source). All are being placed in isolation.

To date, there have been 175 laboratory confirmed cases in Jackson County, including ten deaths related to the disease. Eight additional positive individuals have been released from isolation, in accordance with CDC guidelines, bringing the total released to 120 persons. Forty-five active cases are currently being managed.

People can reduce the likelihood of contracting the disease by adhering to the Governor's stay at home order, washing hands frequently, disinfecting commonly touched surfaces, wearing face coverings when inside public spaces, and maintaining space from others as much as possible.

COVID-19 shares many symptoms with more common respiratory diseases. If you have a fever, cough, or difficulty breathing, call your health care provider for further guidance. In addition, Southern Illinois Healthcare (SIH) has established a COVID-19 hotline at 1-844-988-7800, which is open 8am – 8pm. Clinicians there will answer questions, assess each caller and advise on next steps for evaluation or potential testing.

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