



# JACKSON COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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## NEWS

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### FOUR ADDITIONAL COVID-19 POSITIVES IN JACKSON COUNTY

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

- Female – one in her twenties, one in her thirties, and one in her forties;
- Male – one in his fifties.

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

To date, there have been 180 laboratory confirmed cases in Jackson County, including ten deaths related to the disease. Three additional positive individuals have been released from isolation, in accordance with CDC guidelines, bringing the total released to 126 persons. Forty-four 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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