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FOUR NEW 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 preteen/teen, and one in her twenties;
- Male – One in his thirties, and one in his sixties.

All 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). They are being placed in isolation.

To date there have been 286 laboratory confirmed cases in Jackson County, including ten deaths related to the disease. One additional individual was released from isolation in accordance with CDC guidelines, bringing the total released to date to 196 individuals. Eighty active cases are currently being managed.

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. Three providers are conducting testing of eligible individuals in Jackson County :

- Southern Illinois Healthcare (SIH) – Call 1-844-988-7800
- Shawnee Health Service – Call 618-519-9200
- SIU Center for Family Medicine – Call 618-536-6621

The Southern Illinois Region recently moved to Phase 3 in the Restore Illinois plan. Jackson County Health Department recommends that businesses and organizations follow the guidance to help reduce the risk of their employees, customers and clients of contracting COVID-19. The *“Phase 3 Guidelines for Reopening Business and Returning People to Work Safely”* can be found at www2.illinois.gov/dceo. There are common guidelines listed for all types of businesses, plus industry specific guidance.

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