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THREE NEW COVID-19 CASES REPORTED IN JACKSON COUNTY

Jackson County Health Department was notified in the past 24 hours of three Jackson County residents confirmed to have contracted COVID-19. The individuals are all male – two in their twenties and one in his sixties.

They acquired the disease either through contact with known cases 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 428 confirmed cases in the county, including 19 related deaths. 338 individuals have been released from isolation in accordance with CDC guidelines. Seventy-one active cases are currently being managed. Please note, the case numbers reflected on the Illinois Department of Public Health website may not always align with these figures, as cases are being opened and closed on an almost daily basis.

People are encouraged to follow the guidance from public health: 1) Wear a mask out in public; 2) Maintain social distance from others as much as possible; 3) Avoid social gatherings, especially indoors; 4) Wash hands frequently; 5) Stay home if you are symptomatic; and 6) Work with health department officials as they conduct contact tracing following positive cases.

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

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