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FIVE NEW COVID-19 CASES REPORTED IN JACKSON COUNTY

JACKSON COUNTY REMAINS ON IDPH WARNING LIST

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

- Female – two teens, one in her forties, one in her sixties, and one in her seventies.

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.

107 active cases are currently being managed. To date, there have been 1,174 confirmed cases in the county, including 24 related deaths. Thirteen individuals were released from isolation, in accordance with CDC guidelines, bringing the total released to 1,043 individuals.

Also, on Friday Jackson County returned to the COVID-19 warning list published by the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH). The list is updated every Friday, based upon data from the prior Sunday-Saturday. Residents of counties on the warning list should be extra cautious when out in public, including practicing social distancing and wearing face coverings. In addition, people should stay home when symptomatic or while awaiting COVID-19 test results.

Jackson County had previously been on the IDPH warning list for two consecutive weeks in late July and early August. A map and information of each county's status can be found on the IDPH website at <https://www.dph.illinois.gov/countymetrics>.

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 of eligible individuals in Jackson County: Call either Southern Illinois Healthcare (SIH) at 1-844-988-7800; or Shawnee Health Service at 618-519-9200.

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