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FOURTEEN NEW COVID-19 CASES REPORTED IN JACKSON COUNTY

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

- Female – three in their twenties, two in their thirties, one in her fifties and one in her seventies;
- Male – three in their twenties, two in their thirties, one in his sixties, and one in his 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.

Ninety-three active cases are currently being managed. To date, there have been 1,410 confirmed cases in the county, including 25 related deaths. Eight individuals were released from isolation, in accordance with CDC guidelines, bringing the total released to 1,292 individuals.

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.

The COVID-19 indicators being tracked for IDPH Region 5, a 20-county region which includes Jackson County, are not heading in a positive direction. When a region does not meet thresholds set for various indicators, a region is subject to further mitigation measures, beyond the Phase 4 measures in place. These additional measures, implemented by IDPH, would include advanced restrictions on various activities, including indoor dining and social gatherings. To avoid the potential for such an occurrence, residents in Region 5 counties should be heeding all necessary public health precautions. See more details at www.dph.illinois.gov/regionmetrics.

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