



JACKSON COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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TWENTY-FIVE NEW COVID-19 CASES IN JACKSON COUNTY

Jackson County Health Department was notified in the past 24 hours of 25 Jackson County residents having contracted COVID-19. The individuals are as follows:

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

374 active cases are currently being managed. To date, there have been 3,360 cases in the county, including 51 related deaths. Forty-four individuals were released from isolation, in accordance with CDC guidelines, bringing the total released to 2,935 individuals.

To protect themselves and their families, residents of Jackson County should immediately and consistently take the following actions:

- 1) Stay home as much as possible. Only go out for work or essential items, if possible.
- 2) Avoid parties and gatherings of all sizes - crowds are an ideal environment for spreading COVID-19.
- 3) Keep at least 6ft of space between yourself and others as much as possible.
- 4) Wear a face mask around others. Research shows cloth masks protect the wearer, as well as others.
- 5) Stay home if you are sick, even if you only have mild symptoms. Get tested. Self-isolate while awaiting test results. Stay home when placed on isolation or quarantine.
- 6) Workplaces should follow all guidance published by IDPH and DCEO, as well as the Restore Illinois Resurgence Mitigations.
- 7) Return calls to public health officials and follow their instructions.

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 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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