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ONE DEATH & THIRTY-FOUR NEW COVID-19 CASES IN JACKSON COUNTY

Phase 1b Vaccinations Begin Next Week

Jackson County Health Department sadly announces the Covid-related death of a male in his nineties. Public health staff express our condolences.

JCHD was notified in the past 24 hours of thirty-four Jackson County residents having contracted COVID-19. The individuals are as follows:

- Female – one under ten, five teens, five in their twenties, one in her thirties, four in their forties, and two in their fifties;
- Male – two under ten, two preteens, one teen, five in their twenties, two in their thirties, two in their fifties, one in his sixties, and one in his eighties.

322 active cases are currently being managed. To date, there have been 4,089 cases in the county, including 64 related deaths. Seventeen individuals were released from isolation, in accordance with CDC guidelines, bringing the total released to 3,703 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 in Jackson County: Call either Southern Illinois Healthcare (SIH) at 1-844-988-7800; or Shawnee Health Service at 618-519-9200.

Next week Jackson County Health Department will begin vaccinating individuals eligible under Phase 1b of the State vaccination plan. Those eligible include those 65 years of age and older and “frontline” essential workers. To be considered a “frontline” essential worker you must work in one of the following settings: first responder, corrections, education (Pre-K through 12th grade only), daycare, postal service, manufacturing, agriculture and food production (food service in Phase 1c, however), grocery stores and public transit. All vaccinations occur at a site in Carbondale by appointment only; no walk-ins allowed.

By tomorrow (Jan. 14) at noon, JCHD will have an online vaccination appointment portal live on our website at www.ichdonline.org. JCHD staff will also be available by phone (684-3143) to assist those needing help making an appointment. People may also reference our weekly “COVID-19 Vaccination Update” for answers to many questions. This document is posted to the website every Friday.

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