



# JACKSON COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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## NEWS

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### ONE NEW COVID-19 POSITIVE IN JACKSON COUNTY

Jackson County Health Department was notified in the past 24 hours of one Jackson County resident confirmed to have contracted COVID-19. The individual is a female in her sixties. She's thought to have acquired the disease through close contact with a known case and is being placed in isolation.

To date, there have been 290 laboratory confirmed cases in Jackson County, including ten deaths related to the disease. Fifteen additional individuals were released from isolation in accordance with CDC guidelines, bringing the total released to date to 221 individuals. Fifty-nine active cases are currently being managed.

Looking at data of new confirmed cases in Jackson County over the past nine weeks:

WEEK	TOTAL CASES	AVERAGE NEW CASES/DAY
March 29 – April 4	9	1.3
April 5 – 11	22	3.1
April 12 – 18	9	1.3
April 19 – 25	23	3.3
April 26 – May 2	70	10.0
May 3 – 9	28	4.0
May 10 - 16	22	3.1
May 17 - 23	27	3.9
May 24 - 30	73	10.4

The Southern Illinois Region recently moved to Phase 3 in the Restore Illinois plan. Jackson County Health Department recommends that businesses and organizations follow the guidance to help reduce the risk of their employees, customers and clients of contracting COVID-19. The *"Phase 3 Guidelines for Reopening Business and Returning People to Work Safely"* can be found at [www2.illinois.gov/dceo](http://www2.illinois.gov/dceo). There are common guidelines listed for all types of businesses, plus industry specific guidance.

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. Three providers are conducting COVID-19 testing of eligible individuals in Jackson County: Southern Illinois Healthcare (SIH) – Call 1-844-988-7800; Shawnee Health Service – Call 618-519-9200; and SIU Center for Family Medicine – Call 618-536-6621.

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