



# JACKSON COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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## NEWS

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### **FIVE NEW COVID-19 CASES REPORTED IN JACKSON COUNTY**

#### ***COUNTY REMAINS AT IDPH WARNING LEVEL***

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 – one in her fifties, and two in their seventies;
- Male – one in his forties, 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.

To date, there have been 742 confirmed cases in the county, including 20 related deaths. Twelve individuals were released from isolation, in accordance with CDC guidelines, bringing the total released to 631 individuals. Ninety-one active cases are currently being managed.

Also, Jackson County remains on the COVID-19 warning list from the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH). The list is intended for use by the public and local businesses and organizations to inform local level awareness and to help make informed decisions about personal and family activities. Please take all recommended public health precautions, including practicing social distancing, wearing a face mask in public, limiting social gatherings and group sizes, staying home when you are ill, and washing hands frequently. The risk of transmission cannot be completely eliminated, but can be greatly reduced by practicing all of these precautions.

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: Southern Illinois Healthcare (SIH) – Call 1-844-988-7800; and Shawnee Health Service – Call 618-519-9200.

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