



# JACKSON COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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## NEWS

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

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

- Female – one pre-teen, two in their twenties, and three in their fifties;
- Male – one pre-teen, two in their thirties, one in his fifties, 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 757 confirmed cases in the county, including 20 related deaths. Ten individuals were released from isolation, in accordance with CDC guidelines, bringing the total released to 644 individuals. Ninety-three active cases are currently being managed.

People are encouraged to follow the guidance from public health: 1) Wear a mask out in public; 2) Maintain social distance from others as much as possible; 3) Avoid social gatherings, especially indoors; 4) Wash hands frequently; 5) Stay home if you are symptomatic; and 6) Work with health department officials as they conduct contact tracing following positive cases.

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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