



# JACKSON COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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## NEWS

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### SEVEN NEW COVID-19 CASES REPORTED IN JACKSON COUNTY

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

- Female – two in their twenties, one in her thirties, and one in her fifties;
- Male – one teen, one in his thirties, and one in his fifties.

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. All data is preliminary and subject to change.

To date, there have been 817 confirmed cases in the county, including 20 related deaths. Twenty-one individuals were released from isolation, in accordance with CDC guidelines, bringing the total released to 715 individuals. Eighty-two active cases are currently being managed.

People are encouraged to practice the following guidance from public health to reduce transmission of COVID-19:

- 1) Maintain social distance from others as much as possible;
- 2) Wear a face mask out in public;
- 3) Avoid social gatherings, especially indoors, and limit gathering size;
- 4) Wash hands frequently;
- 5) Stay home if you are symptomatic; and
- 6) Work with health department officials as they conduct contact tracing.

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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