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FOURTEEN NEW COVID-19 CASES REPORTED IN JACKSON COUNTY

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

- Female – one preteen, one teen, and two in their thirties;
- Male – three teens, two in their twenties, one in his thirties, one in his forties, two in their sixties, and one in his eighties.

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 682 confirmed cases in the county, including 19 related deaths. Thirteen individuals were released from isolation, in accordance with CDC guidelines, bringing the total released to 526 individuals. 137 active cases are currently being managed.

Due to concerns over the transmission of COVID-19 in Jackson County, Jackson County Health Department has temporarily restricted issuance of temporary food permits. Vendors with annual licenses from the Health Department are not directly impacted by this decision. This restriction will be removed by health officials once data regarding local COVID-19 transmission trends more favorably.

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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