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ONE DEATH & NINETEEN NEW COVID-19 CASES REPORTED JACKSON COUNTY *Region 5 COVID Resurgence Mitigation Measures Remain in Effect*

Jackson County Health Department sadly announces the death of a male in his eighties. He was previously confirmed to have acquired COVID-19. Our thoughts are with his loved ones.

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

- Female – one under ten, three in their twenties, one in her forties, one in her fifties, one in her sixties, two in their seventies;
- Male – four in their twenties, two in their forties, one in his fifties, and three in their seventies.

172 active cases are currently being managed. To date, there have been 1,614 confirmed cases in the county, including 27 related deaths. Four individuals were released from isolation, in accordance with CDC guidelines, bringing the total released to 1,415 individuals.

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: Call either Southern Illinois Healthcare (SIH) at 844-988-7800; or Shawnee Health Service at 618-519-9200.

Due to sustained regional test positivity rates over 8%, on October 22 Governor Pritzker and the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) implemented COVID-19 resurgence mitigations for Region 5. The test positivity rate (7-day rolling average) for the 20-county region, which includes Jackson County, has remained at 8.3% or higher since October 14. The initial mitigation period is for 14 days, after which, based upon data, the State will decide to end mitigations, keep them the same, or expand them. After the initial period, if the regional, rolling test positivity rate comes down to 6.5% or lower for three consecutive days, then the need for regional mitigation measures will cease.

Jackson County's test positivity rate (7-day rolling average) on October 13 was 4.5 %, and on October 23 it was 8.4% and has remained above since that date. In addition, last week Jackson County had the third-highest daily average of new cases (16.29) since the pandemic began.

For more information visit www.dph.illinois.gov/region metrics.

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