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THREE NEW COVID-19 CASES REPORTED IN JACKSON COUNTY

Jackson County Health Department was notified in the past 24 hours of three Jackson County residents confirmed to have contracted COVID-19. The individuals are as follows: Female – one in her twenties, and one in her fifties; Male – one in his thirties. 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.

Sixty active cases are currently being managed. To date, there have been 1,355 confirmed cases in the county, including 24 related deaths. Five individuals were released from isolation, in accordance with CDC guidelines, bringing the total released to 1,271 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 1-844-988-7800; or Shawnee Health Service at 618-519-9200.

Last week Jackson County returned to the COVID-19 warning list published by the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH). IDPH established county-level metrics to promote local level awareness and to help the public make informed decisions about activities they undertake. Being on this list should serve as a reminder for residents to be diligent about social distancing, wearing face masks in public, limiting social gatherings, and staying home when ill.

In addition, the COVID-19 indicators being tracked for IDPH Region 5, a 20-county region which includes Jackson County, are not heading in a positive direction either. When a region does not meet the thresholds set for various indicators, a region is subject to further mitigation measures, beyond the Phase 4 measures in place. These additional measures, implemented by IDPH, would include advanced restrictions on various activities, including indoor dining and social gatherings. To avoid the potential for such an occurrence, residents in Region 5 counties should be heeding all necessary public health precautions. See more details at www.dph.illinois.gov/regionmetrics.

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