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ONE DEATH & TWENTY-ONE NEW COVID-19 CASES REPORTED IN JACKSON COUNTY

Jackson County Health Department sadly reports the death of a female in her seventies related to COVID-19. She was previously confirmed to have acquired the disease. Health Department staff express our sympathies to her loved ones.

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

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

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.

Eighty-seven active cases are currently being managed. To date, there have been 1,396 confirmed cases in the county, including 25 related deaths. Five individuals were released from isolation, in accordance with CDC guidelines, bringing the total released to 1,284 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.

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. When a region does not meet 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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