



JACKSON COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Public Health
Prevent. Promote. Protect.

NEWS

FOR RELEASE: Immediately (10/20/20)

For more information contact: 618/684-3143

ELEVEN NEW COVID-19 CASES REPORTED IN JACKSON COUNTY *Region 5 COVID Resurgence Mitigation to Take Effect October 22, 2020*

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

- Female – one in her twenties and one in her forties;
- Male – two teens, four in their twenties, one in his thirties, one in his forties and one in his sixties.

Ninety-five active cases are currently being managed. To date, there have been 1,442 confirmed cases in the county, including 25 related deaths. Six individuals were released from isolation, in accordance with CDC guidelines, bringing the total released to 1,322 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.

Governor Pritzker and the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) announced that COVID-19 resurgence mitigations will be implemented in Region 5, which encompasses 20 counties including Jackson County, beginning at 12:01 a.m. on Thursday, October 22, 2020. The region is seeing a 7-day rolling average test positivity rate of 8 percent or above for three consecutive days, which exceeds the threshold set for establishing mitigation measures in the region under the state's [Restore Illinois Resurgence Plan](#). Mitigation measures taking effect October 22 in Region 5 include:

Bars

- No indoor service
- All outside bar service closes at 11:00 pm
- All bar patrons should be seated at tables outside
- No ordering, seating, or congregating at bar (bar stools should be removed)
- Tables should be 6 feet apart
- No standing or congregating indoors or outdoors while waiting for a table or exiting
- No dancing or standing indoors
- Reservations required for each party
- No seating of multiple parties at one table

Restaurants

- No indoor dining or bar service
- All outdoor dining closes at 11:00 pm
- Outside dining tables should be 6 feet apart
- No standing or congregating indoors or outdoors while waiting for a table or exiting
- Reservations required for each party
- No seating of multiple parties at one table

Meetings, Social Events, Gatherings

- Limit to lesser of 25 guests or 25 percent of overall room capacity
- No party buses
- Gaming and Casinos close at 11:00 pm, are limited to 25 percent capacity, and follow mitigations for bars and restaurants, if applicable

In the coming days, IDPH will continue to track the positivity rate in Region 5 to determine if mitigations can be relaxed, if additional mitigations are required, or if current mitigations should remain in place. If the positivity rate averages less than or equal to 6.5% for three consecutive days, then Regions 5 will return to Phase 4 mitigations under the Restore Illinois Plan. If the positivity rate averages between 6.5% and 8%, the new mitigations will remain in place and unchanged. If the positivity rate averages greater than or equal to 8% after 14 days, more stringent mitigations can be applied to further reduce spread of the virus.

These mitigations do not currently apply to schools. See more details at www.dph.illinois.gov/regionmetrics.

###