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TWENTY-FOUR NEW COVID-19 CASES REPORTED IN JACKSON COUNTY *Region 5 COVID Resurgence Mitigation Takes Effect October 22, 2020*

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

- Female – three teens, four in their twenties, one in her thirties, one in her forties, two in their fifties, one in her sixties, one in her eighties and one in her nineties;
- Male – one under ten, one pre-teen, one teen, one in his twenties, three in their thirties and three in their sixties.

One hundred forty-one active cases are currently being managed. To date, there have been 1,513 confirmed cases in the county, including 26 related deaths. Nine individuals were released from isolation, in accordance with CDC guidelines, bringing the total released to 1,346 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. Mitigation measures 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

Mitigations will remain in place for a minimum of 14 days. At the end of that period, IDPH will 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.

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