



# JACKSON COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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## NEWS

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### **EIGHT NEW COVID-19 CASES REPORTED IN JACKSON COUNTY**

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

- Female – one under ten years old, two teens, two in their twenties and one in her forties;
- Male – two in their twenties.

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.

Forty-five active cases are currently being managed. To date, there have been 1,314 confirmed cases in the county, including 24 related deaths. Two individuals were released from isolation, in accordance with CDC guidelines, bringing the total released to 1,245 individuals.

People are encouraged to continue practicing the following guidance from public health to reduce transmission of COVID-19:

- 1) Maintain social distance from others as much as possible;
- 2) Wear a face mask out in public;
- 3) Avoid social gatherings, especially indoors, and limit gathering size;
- 4) Wash hands frequently;
- 5) Stay home if you are symptomatic; and
- 6) Work with health department officials as they conduct contact tracing.

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.

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