



# JACKSON COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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## NEWS

**FOR RELEASE: Immediately (11/9/20)**

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### **FORTY NEW COVID-19 CASES IN JACKSON COUNTY**

#### ***Local Transmission Risk Remains Elevated***

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

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

281 active cases are currently being managed, a record high. To date, there have been 1,908 confirmed cases in the county, including 27 related deaths. Twenty-seven individuals were released from isolation, in accordance with CDC guidelines, bringing the total released to 1,600 individuals.

The past three weeks are among the top five weeks for Jackson County as far as average new cases per day. The test positivity rate (7-day rolling average) for Jackson County is now at 11.3%. Local hospitals have seen a dramatic rise in COVID-19 hospitalizations. All indications are that the risk of virus transmission locally is higher than ever. Please practice the following to reduce your risk of contracting COVID-19:

- Keep distance between yourself and non-household members;
- Limit social gatherings, and the size of gatherings;
- Wear a face mask or covering when you are out in public or around non-household members;
- Stay home when you have symptoms;
- Cooperate with public health officials conducting contact tracing activities.

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 in Jackson County: Call either Southern Illinois Healthcare (SIH) at 1-844-988-7800; or Shawnee Health Service at 618-519-9200.

***In addition, IDPH will have a mobile testing team in Jackson County three days this week.*** On Tuesday, November 10 and Thursday, November 12, free testing will be conducted at Hopewell Missionary Baptist Church, 400 E. Main St., Carbondale. On Wednesday, November 11, free testing will

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be conducted at Trico Elementary School, Route 4, Campbell Hill. These sites will be open 8am-4pm, no appointments necessary. See fliers and FAQ at [www.ichdonline.org](http://www.ichdonline.org).

The Governor announced today that Region 5, the 20-county region which includes Jackson County, will move to Tier 2 of the Resurgence Mitigations, November 11 at 12:01 a.m. The region remains in Phase 4 of the Restore Illinois Plan, but advances to the second level of mitigation measures. The biggest change with Tier 2 is the limit placed on gatherings of 10 persons (down from 25). The limit does not apply to in-person learning or sports, which are under other guidance. See the link at [www.ichdonline.org](http://www.ichdonline.org) for more details.

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