



# JACKSON COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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## NEWS

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### SIXTY-ONE NEW COVID-19 CASES IN JACKSON COUNTY

Jackson County Health Department was notified in the past 24 hours of 61 Jackson County residents having contracted COVID-19, our second highest single day total. The individuals are as follows:

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

415 active cases are currently being managed. To date, there have been 2,263 cases in the county, including 28 related deaths. Forty-five individuals were released from isolation, in accordance with CDC guidelines, bringing the total released to 1,820 individuals.

The public should take heed from the recent rise in cases locally. Jackson County had 24 cases during the week that ended October 3, compared to 302 cases the week that ended November 14. These numbers represent an increase over 1,100% during that six week span. Multiple factors being monitored locally are currently at record levels. Residents of, and visitors to, Jackson County should immediately and consistently take the following actions:

- 1) Stay home as much as possible. Only go out for work or essential items, if possible.
- 2) Avoid parties and gatherings of all sizes - crowds are an ideal environment for spreading COVID-19.
- 3) Keep at least 6ft of space between yourself and others as much as possible.
- 4) Wear a face mask when around others. The latest research shows cloth masks protect the wearer, as well as others.
- 5) Stay home if you are sick, even if you only have mild symptoms. Get tested. Self-isolate while awaiting test results. Stay home when placed on isolation or quarantine.
- 6) Workplaces should follow all guidance published by IDPH and DCEO, as well as the Restore Illinois Resurgence Mitigations.
- 7) Return calls to public health officials and follow their instructions.

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.

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