



# JACKSON COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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## NEWS

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

Jackson County Health Department was notified in the past 24 hours of 42 Jackson County residents having contracted COVID-19. The individuals are as follows:

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

414 active cases are currently being managed. To date, there have been 2,500 cases in the county, including 32 related deaths. Thirty-eight individuals were released from isolation, in accordance with CDC guidelines, bringing the total released to 2,054 individuals.

The entire State was placed on [Tier 3 mitigation measures](#) on Friday. These measures are aimed at reducing potential exposure to COVID-19 in various types of businesses. In Jackson County, last week the number of new cases held steady, after a six week climb. However, we need the number of new infections to be declining, not holding steady. The number of COVID patients in hospitals locally is at a record-high, which has negative cascading effects throughout local healthcare systems. In order to protect local healthcare services, as well as the most vulnerable in our population, please follow the mitigation measures at this critical time.

Residents of 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.