



# JACKSON COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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## NEWS

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### **TWO DEATHS & FIFTY-EIGHT NEW COVID-19 CASES IN JACKSON COUNTY**

Jackson County Health Department sadly reports the deaths of two individuals related to COVID-19. One female in her nineties and one male in his nineties. Public health staff express our condolences to their loved ones.

JCHD was notified in the past 24 hours of 58 Jackson County residents having contracted COVID-19. The individuals are as follows:

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

437 active cases are currently being managed. To date, there have been 3,137 cases in the county, including 45 related deaths. Twenty-six individuals were released from isolation, in accordance with CDC guidelines, bringing the total released to 2,655 individuals.

To protect themselves and their families, 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 around others. 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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