



# JACKSON COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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## NEWS

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### THIRTY-FOUR NEW COVID-19 CASES IN JACKSON COUNTY

Jackson County Health Department was notified in the past 24 hours of 34 Jackson County residents having contracted COVID-19. The individuals are as follows:

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

431 active cases are currently being managed. To date, there have been 2,787 cases in the county, including 32 related deaths. Forty-four individuals were released from isolation, in accordance with CDC guidelines, bringing the total released to 2,324 individuals.

The risk for exposure locally to COVID-19 remains elevated. Recently the number of new cases, test positivity rates, and hospitalizations has been higher than at any other point during the pandemic. Accordingly, the entire State has been placed on [Tier 3 mitigation measures](#). These measures are aimed at reducing potential exposure to COVID-19 in various types of businesses. 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.

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.