



# JACKSON COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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## NEWS

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

Jackson County Health Department was notified in the past 24 hours of 39 Jackson County residents having contracted COVID-19. The individuals are as follows:

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

414 active cases are currently being managed. To date, there have been 2,826 cases in the county, including 32 related deaths. Fifty-six individuals were released from isolation, in accordance with CDC guidelines, bringing the total released to 2,380 individuals.

The risk for exposure locally to COVID-19 remains elevated due to the number of new infections, high test positivity rates, and increased hospitalizations. 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.

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