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

290 active cases are currently being managed. To date, there have been 3,689 cases in the county, including 59 related deaths. Sixty-seven individuals were released from isolation, in accordance with CDC guidelines, bringing the total released to 3,340 individuals.

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.

JCHD and hospitals will continue to vaccinate healthcare workers until Phase 1a is complete. Healthcare workers wanting vaccinated should work through their employer to be invited to an upcoming clinic. It is anticipated that the next Phase ("1b") will not begin until at least late January. The individuals eligible in that phase are being finalized, with the Illinois vaccination plan being updated later this week. Individuals who do not fall in any of the early priority groups will likely not have vaccine available to them until at least April. Next week Jackson County Health Department will update its website (www.jchdonline.org) with more information on upcoming phases. Please remain patient as health departments work within the required parameters to administer limited vaccine supplies.

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