



# JACKSON COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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## NEWS

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### **TWENTY-ONE NEW COVID-19 CASES IN JACKSON COUNTY**

#### ***Phase 1b Vaccinations Underway***

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

- Female – one teen, four in their twenties, two in their thirties, two in their sixties, and one in her seventies;
- Male – five teens, four in their twenties, and two in their fifties.

274 active cases are currently being managed. To date, there have been 4,239 cases in the county, including 64 related deaths. Fifty-five individuals were released from isolation, in accordance with CDC guidelines, bringing the total released to 3,901 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.

Jackson County Health Department has started vaccinating individuals eligible under Phase 1b of the State vaccination plan. Those eligible include those 65 years of age and older and “frontline” essential workers. To be considered a “frontline” essential worker you must work in one of the following settings: first responder, corrections, education (Pre-K through 12<sup>th</sup> grade only), daycare, postal service, manufacturing, agriculture and food production (food service in Phase 1c, however), grocery stores and public transit.

Due to overwhelming demand and limited vaccine supply, all scheduled clinic appointments through the end of February have been booked, except for some reserved for 2<sup>nd</sup> doses only. If vaccine supply were to increase then we would open additional appointments. If you are eligible under Phase 1b, reside or work in Jackson County, and do not have an appointment booked, please call 684-3143 Mon-Fri 8am-4pm to be placed on a notification list to be used if more clinics are scheduled. No walk-in vaccinations are occurring at the health department. People may also reference our weekly “COVID-19 Vaccination Update” for answers to many questions. The update is posted every Friday to our website ([www.jchdonline.org](http://www.jchdonline.org)).

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