



# 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 thirty-nine Jackson County residents having contracted COVID-19. The individuals are as follows:

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

286 active cases are currently being managed. To date, there have been 3,816 cases in the county, including 59 related deaths. Thirty-seven individuals were released from isolation, in accordance with CDC guidelines, bringing the total released to 3,471 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. JCHD will release information later this week about individuals who will be eligible under the next two phases. Individuals who do not fall in any of the early priority groups will likely not have vaccine available to them until at least April. Please remain patient as health departments work within the required parameters to administer limited vaccine supplies.

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