



# JACKSON COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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## NEWS

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### **THREE DEATHS & FORTY-SIX NEW COVID-19 CASES IN JACKSON COUNTY**

#### ***Vaccination Efforts Ongoing, in Accordance with State Plan***

Jackson County Health Department sadly announces the Covid-related deaths of three individuals: a female in her nineties, a female in her seventies, and a male in his sixties. Public health staff express our condolences to their loved ones.

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

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

289 active cases are currently being managed. To date, there have been 3,895 cases in the county, including 62 related deaths. Thirty-six individuals were released from isolation, in accordance with CDC guidelines, bringing the total released to 3,544 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.

***Vaccination Update:*** JCHD and hospitals will continue to vaccinate healthcare workers until Phase 1a is complete. All known healthcare providers in Jackson County have received invitations for their healthcare workers to be vaccinated. JCHD is holding vaccination clinics twice a week with the capacity to vaccinate 750 people a week, pending vaccine availability. Long-term care facilities are being served under a separate Federal program. It is anticipated that IDPH will not begin the next phase (“1b”) until later in January, and JCHD is following the State’s framework. 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 JCHD works within the required parameters to administer limited vaccine supplies.

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IDPH released yesterday [updated guidance](#) on which individuals are eligible for vaccination in Phases 1a and 1b. The most significant change is that individuals age 65 and older will be eligible in 1b (was previously 75 and older). Also eligible in Phase 1b are “frontline” essential workers, including first responders, and those working in education, grocery stores, manufacturing, and other industries. IDPH is expected to release more details soon. JCHD has plans in the works to serve all eligible under Phase 1b.

Jackson County Health Department will soon begin releasing a weekly vaccination update, in conjunction with Jackson County Emergency Management Agency. The update will be posted to the department’s website. A link to the weekly update will be sent to users of the Nixle emergency messaging system. For registration online, please go to [nixle.com](https://nixle.com) and insert your mailing zip code. For registration by text messaging, please text your mailing zip code to “888777”. If your zip code is not registered, please use “62966”. Make sure that you are selecting “Jackson County Emergency Management Agency” for the correct alerts.

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