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VACCINATION APPOINTMENTS AVAILABLE FOR ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUALS

One new COVID-19 case today; 45 active cases

Jackson County Health Department began operating two mass vaccination sites on Friday with support from the Illinois National Guard. These operations have dramatically expanded local COVID-19 vaccinations. These sites will operate Monday-Saturday each week, pending available vaccine supply. Additional vaccine and other support is being provided by the Illinois Department of Public Health. These locations are able to vaccinate any Illinois resident who is currently eligible for vaccination in Phase 1a or 1b of the State mass vaccination plan.

Those currently eligible to be vaccinated include:

- Phase 1a – healthcare workers; long term care residents.
- Phase 1b – individuals age 65 and older; “frontline” essential workers (does not include all essential workers); Starting Feb 25, those age 16-64 with certain underlying health conditions will become eligible.

The two mass vaccination locations in Jackson County are as follows:

- Banterra Center (formerly known as SIU Arena) at Southern Illinois University-Carbondale (enter west lobby off Douglas Drive, park in Lot 52);
- Carbondale Civic Center, 200 S. Illinois Ave (enter from parking lot on west side).

Both sites are vaccinating individuals indoors, with masks and social distancing required. All vaccinations require an appointment; no walk-ins allowed. Appointments can be made by visiting the online appointment portal link at www.jchdonline.org. Those not able to use the online portal should call their local health department for assistance in making an appointment. Handicap parking is available, as well as assistance for those with mobility concerns.

JCHD was notified in the past 24 hours of one Jackson County resident having contracted COVID-19. The individual was a male in his thirties.

45 active cases are currently being managed. To date, there have been 4,614 cases in the county, including 68 related deaths. Twenty-six individuals were released from isolation, in accordance with CDC guidelines, bringing the total released to 4,504 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.

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