



# JACKSON COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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## NEWS

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### **ONE DEATH AND TWO ADDITIONAL COVID-19 POSITIVES IN JACKSON COUNTY**

Jackson County Health Department mournfully announces the death of a previously identified case of COVID-19. The death, of a male in his seventies, is the third death related to COVID-19 in Jackson County to date.

Two other individuals have tested positive in the past 24 hours. These individuals include the following:

- Female in her twenties, who is isolated and doing well;
- Female in her fifties, who is isolated and doing well.

Both individuals acquired the disease through local contact with a known or suspected case. To date, there have been 34 total laboratory confirmed positives of COVID-19 in Jackson County. Nine of the positive individuals have been released from isolation.

Public health officials are investigating cases, placing positive individuals on isolation and finding out who they may have encountered before their diagnosis. Other individuals may be placed on home quarantine if they are determined to have had significant exposure. Such individuals may not be symptomatic, but are quarantined for a period of time which allows symptoms to develop and pass, without posing risk to others. If you are contacted by public health officials, please respond promptly.

Health officials expect more cases to be confirmed locally in coming weeks. The number of cases can be reduced by adhering to the Governor's stay at home order, washing hands frequently, disinfecting commonly touched surfaces, and maintaining space from others when in public.

COVID-19 shares many symptoms with more common respiratory diseases. If you have a fever, cough, or difficulty breathing, call your health care provider for further guidance. In addition, Southern Illinois Healthcare (SIH) has established a 24-hour COVID-19 hotline at 1-844-988-7800. Clinicians there will answer questions, assess each caller and advise on next steps for evaluation or potential testing.

Follow the websites and social media accounts of Jackson County Health Department, Illinois Department of Public Health and CDC for trusted information on this pandemic.

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