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ONE DEATH AND FIVE NEW COVID-19 POSITIVES IN JACKSON COUNTY

Sadly, Jackson County Health Department announces the death of a male in his eighties. He was previously confirmed as having COVID-19.

In the past 24 hours there have also been five new cases reported in Jackson County. These individuals include:

- Male in his twenties;
- Male in his thirties;
- Male in his forties;
- Male in his fifties;
- Male in his fifties.

All of these individuals have been isolated and are believed to have acquired the disease through local contact with known or suspected cases.

To date, there have been 48 total laboratory confirmed positives of COVID-19 in Jackson County, including six deaths. Twenty 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.

People can reduce the likelihood of contracting the disease 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.

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