



# JACKSON COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

**Public Health**  
Prevent. Promote. Protect.

## NEWS

**FOR RELEASE: Immediately (4/27/20)**

**For more information contact:**

618/684-3143

### ONE ADDITIONAL COVID-19 POSITIVE IN JACKSON COUNTY

Jackson County Health Department was notified in the past 24 hours of one individual confirmed to have COVID-19. The individual is a male in his fifties, who acquired the disease through local contact with a known case. He has been placed in isolation.

One previously identified COVID-19 case has been transferred to another county, thus keeping the total number of lab-confirmed cases to date in Jackson County at 69. Seven deaths related to COVID-19 have occurred in county residents. Twenty-nine of the positive individuals have been released from isolation, in accordance with CDC guidelines.

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.

###