



JACKSON COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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ONE ADDITIONAL COVID-19 POSITIVE IN JACKSON COUNTY

Jackson County Health Department was notified in the past 24 hours of one new confirmed case of COVID-19. This individual, a male in his eighties, acquired the disease through local contact with a known or suspected case. He is isolated and doing fair. To date, there have been 22 total laboratory confirmed positives of COVID-19 in Jackson County, including one death. Six individuals have recovered enough to be released from isolation.

Public health officials are investigating cases, speaking with positive individuals about who they may have encountered before their diagnosis. Through investigation, public health may place other individuals 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. All Illinois zip codes which have had five or more cases are listed at <http://www.dph.illinois.gov/covid19/covid19-statistics>. Due to privacy concerns, zip codes with fewer than five cases are not listed.

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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