



# JACKSON COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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## NEWS

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### **NINE ADDITIONAL COVID-19 POSITIVES IN JACKSON COUNTY**

Jackson County Health Department was notified in the past 24 hours of nine Jackson County residents confirmed to have contracted COVID-19. The individuals are as follows:

- Female – one preteen/teen, two in their twenties, two in their forties, and one in her sixties;
- Male – two preteen/teen, and one in his fifties.

These individuals acquired the disease either through close contact with a known case, or through transmission in the community (i.e., unable to trace back to a known source). They are being placed in isolation.

To date, there have been 234 laboratory confirmed cases in Jackson County, including ten deaths related to the disease. There have been 171 individuals released from isolation, in accordance with CDC guidelines. Fifty-three active cases are currently being managed.

Yesterday the State released the “*Phase 3 Guidelines for Reopening Business and Returning People to Work Safely*” at [www2.illinois.gov/dceo](http://www2.illinois.gov/dceo). There are common guidelines listed for all types of businesses, plus industry specific guidance. The Southern Illinois Region, specified in the Restore Illinois plan, is on-track to move to Phase 3 on May 29.

However, Jackson County has seen an upswing in the number of cases, with 39 new confirmed cases over the past four days. That number represents about 17% of the total cases in the county to date. Residents should continue to follow recommended precautions, including social distancing, wearing facemasks in public, and washing hands frequently. Even though Phase 3 of the Restore Illinois plan allows certain activities to resume, this recent uptick in cases should serve as a reminder that following the Phase 3 Guidelines remains crucial to doing so safely.

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