



# JACKSON COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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## NEWS

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### TWELVE NEW COVID-19 POSITIVES IN JACKSON COUNTY

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

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

All acquired the disease 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 260 laboratory confirmed cases in Jackson County, including ten deaths related to the disease. Four additional cases were released from isolation in accordance with CDC guidelines, bringing the total released to date to 190 individuals. Sixty active cases are currently being managed.

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. Three providers are conducting testing of eligible individuals in Jackson County :

- Southern Illinois Healthcare (SIH) – Call 1-844-988-7800
- Shawnee Health Service – Call 618-519-9200
- SIU Center for Family Medicine – Call 618-536-6621

Last weekend 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. Jackson County Health Department recommends that businesses and organizations follow the guidance to help reduce the risk of their employees, customers and clients of contracting COVID-19.

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