



JACKSON COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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NO NEW COVID-19 POSITIVES IN JACKSON COUNTY

Jackson County Health Department was not notified in the past 24 hours of any Jackson County residents confirmed to have contracted COVID-19. This is the first day without a reported case in Jackson County since April 16. To date, there have been 147 laboratory confirmed cases in Jackson County, with 80 cases currently active. Fifty-eight of the positive individuals have been released from isolation, in accordance with CDC guidelines. Nine deaths related to COVID-19 have been reported.

Over the month of April, 109 cases were reported in Jackson County, for an average of 3.6 cases per day for the month. Over the two-week period from April 20 - May 3, 105 cases were reported in Jackson County, for an average of 7.5 cases per day over that span.

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, wearing face coverings when inside public spaces, and maintaining space from others as much as possible.

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 COVID-19 hotline at 1-844-988-7800, which is open 8am – 8pm. Clinicians there will answer questions, assess each caller and advise on next steps for evaluation or potential testing.

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