



# JACKSON COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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### THREE MORE INDIVIDUALS IN JACKSON COUNTY TEST POSITIVE FOR COVID-19

Jackson County Health Department was notified this afternoon of three Jackson County residents who tested positive for Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19). Information on today's positive results:

- Male, sixties, likely acquired from travel out of state
- Female, twenties, likely acquired from travel to Chicago area
- Female, nineties, acquired locally

Currently there are seven laboratory confirmed positives of COVID-19 in Jackson County.

Public health officials have begun an investigation of these cases, speaking with individuals who they may have encountered before this diagnosis. Through this 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, as the number of tests being conducted is increasing. 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.

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. Public health officials will not be releasing more specific details about this individual due to privacy issues and safety concerns.

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