



# JACKSON COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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## NEWS

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

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

- Female – One in her twenties, and one in her sixties;
- Male – One in his forties, and one in his sixties.

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 316 laboratory confirmed cases in Jackson County, including twelve deaths related to the disease. Two more individuals were released from isolation in accordance with CDC guidelines, bringing the total released to 263 individuals. Forty-one active cases are currently being managed.

As of the end of the day yesterday, records provided to Jackson County Health Department show a total of 3,884 tests conducted on Jackson County residents, with 312 of those tests positive. This results in a cumulative positivity rate of 7.4% since the pandemic arrived in southern Illinois. Compared with a 9.2% positivity rate through May 26, and an 11.0% positivity rate through May 6, a declining trend on the cumulative positivity rate is observed.

If you have a fever, cough, difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle aches, loss of taste or smell, nausea or diarrhea, call your health care provider for further guidance. Three providers are conducting COVID-19 testing of eligible individuals in Jackson County: Southern Illinois Healthcare (SIH) – Call 1-844-988-7800; Shawnee Health Service – Call 618-519-9200; and SIU Center for Family Medicine – Call 618-536-6621.

Businesses, schools and other organizations seeking guidance on re-opening may consult the resources located on the JCHD website at [www.jchdonline.org](http://www.jchdonline.org). Staff are also available to discuss such plans in more detail by calling 618/684-3143, ext. 128.

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