



# JACKSON COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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## NEWS

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

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

- Male – one in his sixties;
- Female – one in her twenties.

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.

One case reported this week, female in her thirties, turned out to be living in another county. Such instances can occur whenever new cases are reported to public health close to the time of news release publication. With the subtraction of that case, and the addition of today's two, there have been 301 laboratory confirmed cases in Jackson County, including eleven deaths related to the disease. Ten additional individuals were released from isolation in accordance with CDC guidelines, bringing the total released to date to 251 individuals. Thirty-nine 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

The Southern Illinois Region recently moved to Phase 3 in the Restore Illinois plan. 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. The *"Phase 3 Guidelines for Reopening Business and Returning People to Work Safely"* can be found at [www2.illinois.gov/dceo](http://www2.illinois.gov/dceo). There are common guidelines listed for all types of businesses, plus industry specific guidance.

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