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THIRTY-ONE NEW COVID-19 CASES REPORTED IN JACKSON COUNTY

Jackson County Health Department was notified in the past 24 hours of 31 Jackson County residents confirmed to have contracted COVID-19. The individuals are as follows:

- Female – three teens, six in their twenties, two in their forties, and one in her fifties;
- Male – two teens, fourteen in their twenties, one in his thirties, one in his forties, and one in his seventies.

They acquired the disease either through contact with known cases 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 491 confirmed cases in the county, including 19 related deaths. 354 individuals have been released from isolation in accordance with CDC guidelines. 118 active cases are currently being managed. Please note, the case numbers reflected on the Illinois Department of Public Health website may not always align with these figures, as cases are being opened and closed on an almost daily basis.

Of Jackson County cases reported in July, over 65% have been individuals in their teens and twenties. Those in the community that have influence over the behaviors of individuals in their late teens and twenties (parents, employers, peers, clergy, medical professionals) are asked to help communicate to them the dire need to follow practices which limit the spread of COVID-19. These practices include: 1) Wear a mask out in public or when you cannot social distance; 2) Maintain a 6 foot space between yourself and others; 3) Avoid social gatherings, especially indoors; 4) Wash hands frequently; 5) Stay home if you are symptomatic; and 6) Work with health department officials as they conduct contact tracing following positive cases. Also, young adults with whom health department staff have talked commonly refer to continued sharing of vaping devices and vaping in small groups. This practice should be avoided.

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. Two providers are conducting COVID-19 testing of eligible individuals in Jackson County: Southern Illinois Healthcare (SIH) – Call 1-844-988-7800; and Shawnee Health Service – Call 618-519-9200.

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