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

Jackson County Health Department was notified in the past 24 hours of 38 Jackson County residents confirmed to have contracted COVID-19, eclipsing yesterday's record number. The individuals are as follows:

- Female – one teen, fourteen in their twenties, one in her thirties, and one in her forties;
- Male – one under ten, two teens, thirteen in their twenties, two in their thirties, two in their forties, and one in his fifties.

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 529 confirmed cases in the county, including 19 related deaths. 367 individuals have been released from isolation in accordance with CDC guidelines. 143 active cases are currently being managed. Over the past nine days, the number of new confirmed cases per day has averaged 16.3 cases. 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 almost daily.

Of Jackson County cases reported in July, 70% 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. In addition, Jackson County Health Department today issued the attached "Public Health Alert" to raise awareness in young adults and encourage behavior change.

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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