



# JACKSON COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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## NEWS

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### **SIX NEW COVID-19 CASES REPORTED IN JACKSON COUNTY**

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

- Female – one teen;
- Male – two in their twenties, one in his thirties, one in his 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 652 confirmed cases in the county, including 19 related deaths. Twenty-two individuals were released from isolation, in accordance with CDC guidelines, bringing the total released to 497 individuals. 136 active cases are currently being managed.

Friday Jackson County was included on a list released by the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) showing counties now at a COVID-9 warning status. The list is updated every Friday, based upon data from the prior Sunday-Saturday. Counties that fail to meet two or more established targets are placed on the list. These metrics are intended to be used for local level awareness to help local leaders, businesses, local health departments, and the public make informed decisions about personal and family gatherings, as well as what activities they choose to do.

A map and information of each county's status can be found on the IDPH website at <https://www.dph.illinois.gov/countymetrics>.

If you have a fever, cough, difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle aches, loss of taste or smell, nausea, diarrhea or other symptoms, 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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