



# JACKSON COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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## NEWS

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

#### ***COUNTY REMAINS AT IDPH WARNING LEVEL***

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, one in her forties, and one in her eighties;
- Male – 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 696 confirmed cases in the county, including 19 related deaths. Thirteen individuals were released from isolation, in accordance with CDC guidelines, bringing the total released to 575 individuals. 102 active cases are currently being managed.

Also, for the second consecutive week, Jackson County today was included on a list released by the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) showing counties at a COVID-9 warning level. The list is updated every Friday, based upon data from the prior Sunday-Saturday. 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.

Jackson County exceeded the thresholds established on the following metrics:

- **New cases per 100,000 people.** If there are 50 or more new cases per 100,000 people in the county, this triggers a warning. ***Jackson County was at 199 new cases per 100,000 population last week.***
- **Weekly test positivity.** This metric indicates a warning when the 7-day test positivity rate rises above 8%. ***Jackson County was at 8.1% test positivity last week.***

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

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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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