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THIRTEEN NEW COVID-19 CASES REPORTED IN JACKSON COUNTY

JACKSON COUNTY REMAINS ON IDPH WARNING LIST

Jackson County Health Department was notified in the past 24 hours of 13 Jackson County residents confirmed to have contracted COVID-19. The individuals are as follows:

- Female – one under 10, one in her twenties, three in their thirties, one in her fifties, and one in her sixties.
- Male – one under 10, one teen, two in their twenties, one in his thirties, and one in his sixties.

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.

Ninety-four active cases are currently being managed. To date, there have been 1,213 confirmed cases in the county, including 24 related deaths. Thirty individuals were released from isolation, in accordance with CDC guidelines, bringing the total released to 1,095 individuals.

Also, last Friday Jackson County returned to the COVID-19 warning list published by the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH). The list is updated every Friday, based upon data from the prior Sunday-Saturday. Residents of counties on the warning list should be extra cautious when out in public, including practicing social distancing and wearing face coverings. In addition, people should stay home when symptomatic or while awaiting COVID-19 test results.

Jackson County had previously been on the IDPH warning list for two consecutive weeks in late July and early August. 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: Call either Southern Illinois Healthcare (SIH) at 1-844-988-7800; or Shawnee Health Service at 618-519-9200.

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