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SIXTEEN NEW COVID-19 CASES REPORTED IN JACKSON COUNTY

JACKSON COUNTY COMES OFF IDPH WARNING LIST

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

- Female – one under 10, one preteen, one teen, two in their twenties, two in their thirties, and one in her seventies.
- Male – one under 10, one teen, three in their twenties, one in his thirties, one in his forties, 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.

One hundred active cases are currently being managed. To date, there have been 1,229 confirmed cases in the county, including 24 related deaths. Ten individuals were released from isolation, in accordance with CDC guidelines, bringing the total released to 1,105 individuals.

The Illinois Department of Public Health today removed Jackson County from the COVID-19 warning list. Jackson County last week still exceeded the weekly target of less than 50 new cases per 100,000 population (with 145 new cases per 100k), but weekly test positivity came down to 6.9%, from 9.6% the previous week. According to Bart Hagston, Administrator, "These numbers are moving in the right direction, but continued success requires everyone to do their part by social distancing, wearing a mask, avoiding large gatherings, and staying home while having symptoms."

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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