



# JACKSON COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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## NEWS

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### **ONE NEW COVID-19 CASE REPORTED IN JACKSON COUNTY**

One additional case of COVID-19 was reported to Jackson County Health Department over the past 24 hours. The individual, a female in her sixties, 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). She is being placed in isolation.

Sixty-five active cases are currently being managed. To date, there have been 1,247 confirmed cases in the county, including 24 related deaths. Nine individuals were released from isolation, in accordance with CDC guidelines, bringing the total released to 1,158 individuals.

People are encouraged to continue practicing the following guidance from public health to reduce transmission of COVID-19:

- 1) Maintain social distance from others as much as possible;
- 2) Wear a face mask out in public;
- 3) Avoid social gatherings, especially indoors, and limit gathering size;
- 4) Wash hands frequently;
- 5) Stay home if you are symptomatic; and
- 6) Work with health department officials as they conduct contact tracing.

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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