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TWENTY-FOUR NEW COVID-19 CASES REPORTED IN JACKSON COUNTY

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

- Female – one under ten, two teens, three in their twenties, three in their thirties, one in her forties, two in their fifties, and one in her seventies;
- Male – one under ten, four teens, two in their twenties, two in their 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.

One-hundred twenty active cases are currently being managed. To date, there have been 987 confirmed cases in the county, including 23 related deaths. Six individuals were released from isolation, in accordance with CDC guidelines, bringing the total released to 844 individuals. All data are preliminary and subject to change.

People are encouraged to practice 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 healthcare 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. Call one of them, or your healthcare provider, to inquire about getting tested.

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