# JACKSON COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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## 49 NEW COVID-19 CASES REPORTED IN JACKSON COUNTY

Jackson County Health Department was notified in the past 24 hours of 49 Jackson County residents confirmed to have contracted COVID-19.  The individuals are as follows:

- Female – seven teens, ten in their twenties, three in their thirties, one in her forties, three in their sixties, and one in her eighties;
- Male – one under 10, four teens, ten in their twenties, two in their forties, two in their fifties, three in their sixties and two in their seventies.

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 seventy-two active cases are currently being managed.  To date, there have been 1,060 confirmed cases in the county, including 23 related deaths.  Twelve individuals were released from isolation, in accordance with CDC guidelines, bringing the total released to 865 individuals.  All data are preliminary and subject to change.

According to Bart Hagston, Public Health Administrator, "Today's daily record number of COVID-19 cases in Jackson County should serve as a wake-up call to those who stopped practicing, or never adopted, social distancing and mask wearing. Or for those who follow these practices at work or school, then abandon them on the weekend around friends and extended family. As we head into the Labor Day weekend, it is vital that everyone buckle down, as gatherings this weekend may become the springboard for increased cases throughout the rest of September."

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.  Call one of them, or your healthcare provider, to inquire about getting tested.

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