

PUBLIC HEALTH ALERT #2020-02

Jackson County Health Department

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Immediate actions are needed by all residents of Jackson County to limit new COVID-19 infections.

SITUATION

The following factors being monitored locally during this pandemic are currently at record levels:

- Since Nov. 1, Jackson County has averaged 52% more daily cases than our previous peak.
- The Jackson County test positivity rate (7-day rolling average) has increased 42% since Nov. 1;
- Around 1,000 people in Jackson County are on isolation or quarantine;
- More COVID-19 patients are hospitalized locally than ever before;
- Healthcare facilities of all kinds face staff shortages due to isolation and quarantine issues.

Please take the actions below to limit disease transmission, avoid reaching crisis levels, and avoid further economic disruption.

ACTION

Residents of, and visitors to, Jackson County, Illinois should immediately and consistently take the following actions:

- 1) Stay home as much as possible. Only go out for work or essential items, if possible.
- 2) Avoid parties and gatherings of all sizes - crowds are an ideal environment for spreading COVID-19.
- 3) Keep at least 6ft of space between yourself and others as much as possible.
- 4) Wear a face mask when around others. The latest research shows cloth masks protect the wearer, as well as others.
- 5) Stay home if you are sick, even if you only have mild symptoms. Get tested. Self-isolate while awaiting test results. Stay home if on isolation or quarantine.
- 6) Workplaces should follow all guidance published by IDPH and DCEO, as well as the Restore Illinois Resurgence Mitigations.
- 7) Return calls to public health officials and follow their instructions.