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26 NEW COVID-19 CASES REPORTED JACKSON COUNTY

Jackson County Back on COVID-19 Warning List

JCHD was notified in the past 24 hours of 26 Jackson County residents confirmed to have contracted COVID-19. The individuals are as follows:

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

180 active cases are currently being managed. To date, there have been 1,640 confirmed cases in the county. Nineteen individuals were released from isolation, in accordance with CDC guidelines, bringing the total released to 1,434 individuals. In addition, a death was incorrectly reported yesterday for Jackson County. The individual passed away in Jackson County, but was not a resident of the county. There have been 26 total Covid-related deaths for Jackson County.

Jackson County joins 48 other counties who were placed on the COVID-19 warning list published today by the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH). The list is updated every Friday, based upon data from the prior Sunday-Saturday. IDPH established county-level metrics to promote local level awareness and to help the public make informed decisions about activities they undertake.

For the week, Jackson County exceeded the targets for the following:

- New cases per 100,000 population: 199 (target is less than 50);
- Test positivity %: 8.9 (target is less than or equal to 8%); and
- Percent of Emergency Department visits for Covid-Like Illness: 2.5% (target is a stable or decreasing percentage; week prior at 1.5%).

JCHD Administrator, Bart Hagston, had this to say regarding the return to the warning list: “The warning list, along with the regional resurgence mitigations in effect, are meant to draw increased attention. The rise in new cases and test positivity rates, along with a reported increase in hospital admissions, should have people concerned. I hope that concern translates into action, such as wearing masks, social distancing and limiting social gatherings.” See more details on the county warning list at www.dph.illinois.gov/countymetrics. For more details on the regional mitigation measures in place see www.dph.illinois.gov/regionmetrics.

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 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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