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FOURTEEN NEW COVID-19 CASES REPORTED IN JACKSON COUNTY

Local Transmission Risk Higher Than Ever

JCHD was notified in the past 24 hours of 14 Jackson County residents confirmed to have contracted COVID-19. The individuals are as follows:

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

182 active cases are currently being managed. To date, there have been 1,678 confirmed cases in the county, including 26 related deaths. Thirty-six individuals were released from isolation, in accordance with CDC guidelines, bringing the total released to 1,470 individuals.

The past two weeks are two of the top four weeks for Jackson County as far as average new cases per day (October 18th-24th, 16.29 average new cases per day and October 25th-31st, 17.89 average new cases per day). Cases are spread across all age ranges, from those under ten years old up to people in their nineties. The source of transmission cannot be ascertained through contact tracing for many cases. Jackson County is currently on the IDPH COVID-19 warning list and, as of this week, all regions in Illinois are subject to advanced mitigation requirements. All of the above, combined with the fact that people are now out in public, and socializing privately, more than they were earlier in the pandemic, leads to the following statement by Bart Hagston, Administrator at Jackson County Health Department: “The local risk of COVID-19 transmission is higher now than at earlier points. Do not let pandemic fatigue result in letting your guard down. It remains critical to wear face masks in public, keep distance between yourself and non-household members, limit social gatherings, and stay home when you have symptoms.”

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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