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TWENTY-SIX NEW COVID-19 CASES IN JACKSON COUNTY *Local Transmission Risk Higher Than Ever*

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

- Female – one teen, two in their twenties, one in her thirties, two in their fifties, four in their sixties, two in their seventies, and one in her nineties;
- Male – four in their twenties, two in their thirties, two in their forties, three in their fifties, one in his sixties, and one in his eighties.

180 active cases are currently being managed. To date, there have been 1,752 confirmed cases in the county, including 27 related deaths. Thirty-four individuals were released from isolation, in accordance with CDC guidelines, bringing the total released to 1,545 individuals.

The past two weeks are two of the top four weeks for Jackson County as far as 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, means the risk of transmission locally has never been higher. Please practice the following to reduce your risk of contracting COVID-19:

- Keep distance between yourself and non-household members;
- Limit social gatherings, and the size of gatherings;
- Wear a face mask or covering when you are out in public or around non-household members;
- Stay home when you have symptoms;
- Cooperate with public health officials conducting contact tracing activities.

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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