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ONE-DAY RECORD FOR 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 fifty Jackson County residents confirmed to have contracted COVID-19. The individuals are as follows:

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

The previous single-day record for new cases was 49. 216 active cases are currently being managed, another record high. To date, there have been 1,802 confirmed cases in the county, including 27 related deaths. Fourteen individuals were released from isolation, in accordance with CDC guidelines, bringing the total released to 1,559 individuals. (Note: a death reported by IDPH today was incorrectly attributed to Jackson County. IDPH will correct the matter).

The past two weeks are among 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. SIH this week had a record number of hospital admissions from COVID-19 patients. All of the above, combined with people now being 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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