



JACKSON COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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THIRTY-SIX NEW COVID-19 CASES IN JACKSON COUNTY

Local Transmission Risk Remains Elevated

Jackson County Health Department was notified in the past 24 hours of 36 Jackson County residents confirmed to have contracted COVID-19. The individuals are as follows:

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

286 active cases are currently being managed, a record high. To date, there have been 1,944 confirmed cases in the county, including 27 related deaths. Thirty-one individuals were released from isolation, in accordance with CDC guidelines, bringing the total released to 1,631 individuals.

The past three weeks are among the top five weeks for Jackson County as far as average new cases per day. The test positivity rate (7-day rolling average) for Jackson County is now at 11.3%. Local hospitals have seen a dramatic rise in COVID-19 hospitalizations. All indications are that the risk of virus transmission locally is higher than ever. 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.

In addition, IDPH will have a mobile testing team in Jackson County the next two days. On Wednesday, November 11, free testing will be conducted at Trico Elementary School, Route 4, Campbell Hill. On Thursday, November 12, free testing will be conducted at Hopewell Missionary Baptist Church, 400 E. Main St., Carbondale. These sites will be open 8am-4pm, no appointments necessary. See fliers and FAQ at www.jchdonline.org.

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Effective tomorrow, Region 5, the 20-county region which includes Jackson County, will move to Tier 2 of the Resurgence Mitigations. The region remains in Phase 4 of the Restore Illinois Plan, but advances to the second level of mitigation measures. The biggest change with Tier 2 is the limit placed on gatherings of 10 persons (down from 25). The limit does not apply to in-person learning or sports, which are under other guidance. See the link at www.jchdonline.org for more details.

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