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TWENTY-FIVE NEW COVID-19 CASES IN JACKSON COUNTY

Public Health Alert in Effect

Jackson County Health Department was notified in the past 24 hours of 25 Jackson County residents confirmed to have contracted COVID-19. The individuals are as follows:

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

397 active cases are currently being managed, a record high. To date, there have been 2,102 confirmed cases in the county, including 28 related deaths. Twenty-three individuals were released from isolation, in accordance with CDC guidelines, bringing the total released to 1,677 individuals.

Yesterday Jackson County Health Department issued a Public Health Alert to raise awareness and elicit public action to stem the tide of rising COVID-19 infections. This is the second time JCHD has issued such an alert during this pandemic. Multiple factors being monitored locally are currently at record levels. Residents of, and visitors to, Jackson County should immediately and consistently take the following actions:

- 1) Stay home as much as possible. Only go out for work or essential items, if possible.
- 2) Avoid parties and gatherings of all sizes - crowds are an ideal environment for spreading COVID-19.
- 3) Keep at least 6ft of space between yourself and others as much as possible.
- 4) Wear a face mask when around others. The latest research shows cloth masks protect the wearer, as well as others.
- 5) Stay home if you are sick, even if you only have mild symptoms. Get tested. Self-isolate while awaiting test results. Stay home when placed on isolation or quarantine.
- 6) Workplaces should follow all guidance published by IDPH and DCEO, as well as the Restore Illinois Resurgence Mitigations.
- 7) Return calls to public health officials and follow their instructions.

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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