



# JACKSON COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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## NEWS

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### TWENTY-EIGHT NEW COVID-19 CASES IN JACKSON COUNTY

#### *Phase 1b Vaccinations*

JCHD was notified in the past 24 hours of thirty-eight Jackson County residents having contracted COVID-19. The individuals are as follows:

- Female – one under ten, 1 preteen, two teens, five in their twenties, two in their thirties, two in their forties, and one in her eighties;
- Male – two under ten, two preteens, two teens, two in their twenties, two in their thirties, one in his forties, one in his fifties, one in his sixties, and one in his seventies.

314 active cases are currently being managed. To date, there have been 4,117 cases in the county, including 64 related deaths. Thirty-five individuals were released from isolation, in accordance with CDC guidelines, bringing the total released to 3,738 individuals.

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.

Jackson County Health Department has started vaccinating individuals eligible under Phase 1b of the State vaccination plan. Those eligible include those 65 years of age and older and “frontline” essential workers. To be considered a “frontline” essential worker you must work in one of the following settings: first responder, corrections, education (Pre-K through 12<sup>th</sup> grade only), daycare, postal service, manufacturing, agriculture and food production (food service in Phase 1c, however), grocery stores and public transit. All vaccinations occur at a site in Carbondale by appointment only; no walk-ins allowed. You must work or live in Jackson County and will be asked to provide a driver’s license or ID badge at the time of your appointment.

JCHD has an online vaccination appointment portal live on our website at [www.jchdonline.org](http://www.jchdonline.org). At this time, we are holding the maximum amount of clinics and appointments that the vaccine supply allows. If vaccine supply were to increase then we would open additional appointments. JCHD staff will also be available by phone (684-3143) to assist those needing help making an appointment. People may also reference our weekly “COVID-19 Vaccination Update” for answers to many questions. The update will be posted every Friday to our website.

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