



JACKSON COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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ONE DEATH & EIGHTEEN NEW COVID-19 CASES IN JACKSON COUNTY

Phase 1b Vaccinations Underway

Jackson County Health Department sadly announces the Covid-related death of a female in her seventies. Public health staff express our condolences.

JCHD was notified in the past 24 hours of 18 Jackson County residents having contracted COVID-19. The individuals are as follows:

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

176 active cases are currently being managed. To date, there have been 4,372 cases in the county, including 66 related deaths. Twenty-seven individuals were released from isolation, in accordance with CDC guidelines, bringing the total released to 4,130 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 is vaccinating individuals eligible under Phase 1b of the State vaccination plan. Those eligible include persons 65 years of age and older and “frontline” essential workers. Due to overwhelming demand and limited vaccine supply, all scheduled clinic appointments through the end of February have been booked, except for some reserved for 2nd doses only. If vaccine supply were to increase then we would open additional appointments. If you are eligible under Phase 1b, reside or work in Jackson County, and do not have an appointment booked, you may call 684-3143 Mon-Fri 8am-4pm to be placed on a notification list to be used if more clinics are scheduled. No walk-in vaccinations are occurring at the health department. People may also reference our weekly “COVID-19 Vaccination Update” for answers to many questions. The update is posted every Friday to our website (www.jchdonline.org).

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Retail pharmacies will start vaccinating eligible individuals soon, as well. Walgreens on Wall Street in Carbondale is currently taking appointments for eligible individuals. Appointments can only be made online at [walgreens.com/covid19vac](https://www.walgreens.com/covid19vac). A walgreens.com account must be created. No other retail pharmacy locations in Jackson County are currently known to be administering vaccine.

The vaccination effort will last many months. As vaccine supply increases, and other medical providers and pharmacies begin vaccinating, the speed of vaccination efforts will increase. Every person wanting vaccinated will eventually be served. Please be patient and continue to take precautions.

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