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FIFTEEN NEW COVID-19 CASES IN JACKSON COUNTY

Phase 1b Vaccinations Continue

Jackson County Health Department was notified in the past 24 hours of 15 Jackson County residents having contracted COVID-19. The individuals are as follows:

- Female – one under ten, two in their teens, one in her twenties, two in their thirties, two in their forties, two in their fifties, and one in her sixties;
- Male – one under ten, one in his teens, and two in their thirties.

154 active cases are currently being managed. To date, there have been 4,504 cases in the county, including 68 related deaths. Nineteen individuals were released from isolation, in accordance with CDC guidelines, bringing the total released to 4,282 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 Phases 1a & 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. For questions or assistance, please call JCHD at 618/684-3143. 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).

Some retail pharmacies have begun vaccinating eligible individuals, as well. Walgreens on Wall Street in Carbondale, and both Kroger locations in the county, are currently taking appointments for eligible individuals through their online platforms.

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 to protect yourself and your family from the spread of COVID-19.

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