



# JACKSON COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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### **ANOTHER COVID-19 POSITIVE IN JACKSON COUNTY**

Jackson County Health Department was notified late yesterday evening of one additional Jackson County resident who tested positive for Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19). This individual is a female in her twenties, and likely acquired the disease during travel to another state. To date, there have been eight laboratory confirmed positives of COVID-19 in Jackson County.

Public health officials have begun an investigation of this case, speaking with individuals who she may have encountered before this diagnosis. Through this investigation, public health may place other individuals on home quarantine if they are determined to have had significant exposure. Such individuals may not be symptomatic, but are quarantined for a period of time which allows symptoms to develop and pass, without posing risk to others. If you are contacted by public health officials, please respond promptly.

Health officials expect more cases to be confirmed locally. The number of cases can be reduced by adhering to the Governor's stay at home order, washing hands frequently, disinfecting commonly touched surfaces, and maintaining space from others when in public.

COVID-19 shares many symptoms with more common respiratory diseases. If you have a fever, cough, or difficulty breathing, call your health care provider for further guidance. In addition, Southern Illinois Healthcare (SIH) has established a 24-hour COVID-19 hotline at 1-844-988-7800. Clinicians there will answer questions, assess each caller and advise on next steps for evaluation or potential testing.

Follow the websites and social media accounts of Jackson County Health Department, Illinois Department of Public Health and CDC for trusted information on this pandemic. Public health officials will not be releasing more specific details about this individual due to privacy issues and safety concerns.

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