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## TWO DEATHS AND THREE NEW COVID-19 POSITIVES IN JACKSON COUNTY

Jackson County Health Department sadly announces two deaths related to COVID-19. One death is a female in her eighties. The other death is a male in his forties. Both individuals were previously confirmed to have acquired the disease.

The health department was also notified in the past 24 hours of three Jackson County residents confirmed to have contracted COVID-19. The individuals are as follows:

- Female One preteen/teen, and one in her twenties;
- Male One in his forties.

All acquired the disease through close contact with a known case, or through transmission in the community (i.e., unable to trace back to a known source). They are being placed in isolation.

There were no new cases reported in Jackson County yesterday, June 13. To date, there have been 319 confirmed cases in Jackson County, including fourteen deaths related to the disease. Five more individuals were released from isolation in accordance with CDC guidelines, bringing the total released to 268 individuals. Thirty-seven active cases are currently being managed.

If you have a fever, cough, difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle aches, loss of taste or smell, nausea or diarrhea, call your health care provider for further guidance. Three providers are conducting COVID-19 testing of eligible individuals in Jackson County: Southern Illinois Healthcare (SIH) – Call 1-844-988-7800; Shawnee Health Service – Call 618-519-9200; and SIU Center for Family Medicine – Call 618-536-6621.

Businesses, schools and other organizations seeking guidance on re-opening may consult the resources located on the JCHD website at www.jchdonline.org. Staff are also available to discuss such plans in more detail by calling 618/684-3143, ext. 128.

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