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THREE NEW COVID-19 POSITIVES IN JACKSON COUNTY

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

- Female – One in her thirties, and one in her eighties;
- Male – One in his seventies.

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.

To date, there have been 305 laboratory confirmed cases in Jackson County, including eleven deaths related to the disease. There have been 256 individuals released from isolation in accordance with CDC guidelines. Thirty-eight active cases are currently being managed.

The Southern Illinois Region remains Phase 3 of the Restore Illinois plan. Jackson County Health Department recommends that businesses and organizations follow the guidance to help reduce the risk of their employees, customers and clients of contracting COVID-19. The "*Phase 3 Guidelines for Reopening Business and Returning People to Work Safely*" can be found at www2.illinois.gov/dceo. There are common guidelines listed for all types of businesses, plus industry specific guidance.

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.

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