



# JACKSON COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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## NEWS

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### **EIGHT NEW COVID-19 CASES REPORTED IN JACKSON COUNTY**

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

- Female – five in their twenties, and one in her fifties;
- Male – one in his thirties, and one in his fifties.

They acquired the disease either through contact with known cases 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 378 confirmed cases in the county, including 19 related deaths. 320 individuals have been released from isolation in accordance with CDC guidelines. Thirty-nine active cases are currently being managed. Please note, the case numbers reflected on the Illinois Department of Public Health website may not always align with these figures, as cases are being opened and closed on an almost daily basis.

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. Two providers are conducting COVID-19 testing of eligible individuals in Jackson County: Southern Illinois Healthcare (SIH) – Call 1-844-988-7800; and Shawnee Health Service – Call 618-519-9200.

The public is strongly encouraged to continue practices which reduce the spread of COVID-19. These actions include wearing a face mask or covering in public spaces, keeping a distance of 6 ft or more between yourself and non-household members, washing hands frequently or using alcohol-based hand sanitizers when hand washing is not available, and cleaning commonly touched surfaces with EPA-approved disinfectants. In addition, staying home when you are ill is very important to limiting the spread of COVID-19, and many other infectious diseases.

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