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FIFTEEN NEW COVID-19 CASES REPORTED IN JACKSON COUNTY

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

- Female – four in their twenties, one in her thirties, one in her forties, one in her fifties, and one in her seventies;
- Male – three teens, three in their twenties, and one in his thirties.

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 588 confirmed cases in the county, including 19 related deaths. Nine individuals were released from isolation, in accordance with CDC guidelines, bringing the total released to 417 individuals. 152 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 almost daily.

Of Jackson County cases reported in July, nearly 70% have been individuals in their teens and twenties. Those in the community that have influence over the behaviors of individuals in their late teens and twenties (parents, employers, peers, clergy, medical professionals) are asked to help communicate the dire need to follow practices which limit the spread of COVID-19. In addition, Jackson County Health Department on Sunday issued a “**Public Health Alert**” to raise awareness in young adults and encourage behavior change around social gathering without taking COVID-19 precautions. The alert can be found at www.jchdonline.org.

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.

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