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TEN NEW COVID-19 CASES REPORTED IN JACKSON COUNTY

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

- Female – one teen, one in her thirties, two in their forties, and two in their sixties;
- Male – one teen, one in his twenties, and two in their sixties.

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. All data is preliminary and subject to change.

To date, there have been 858 confirmed cases in the county, including 20 related deaths. Seventeen individuals were released from isolation, in accordance with CDC guidelines, bringing the total released to 766 individuals. Seventy-two active cases are currently being managed.

Jackson County Health Department wants to emphasize two COVID-19 precautions in particular:

- 1) Stay home if you are displaying symptoms, even mild ones. If you have a fever, cough, difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle aches, loss of taste or smell, nausea, diarrhea or other symptoms, call your health care provider for further guidance. Do not place others at work or school at greater risk.
- 2) If you are tested, stay home until you receive the results. Too many times health officials notify someone of positive test results, only to find out the individual has been in contact with numerous people since the specimen was collected. Don't be that person!

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. Call one of them, or your healthcare provider, to inquire about getting tested.

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