



**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**April 19, 2020**

**Death of an Individual with COVID-19 and Joint Press Communication Update**

As of today's release, the Joint Crisis Communication Team (CCT) reports the following numbers:

COVID-19 Macon County, Illinois  
Updated 4/19/2020

Confirmed Cases  
**54**

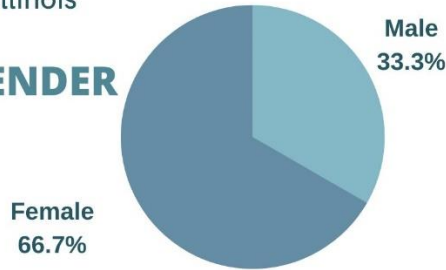
Released from Isolation  
**9**

Home Isolation  
**33**

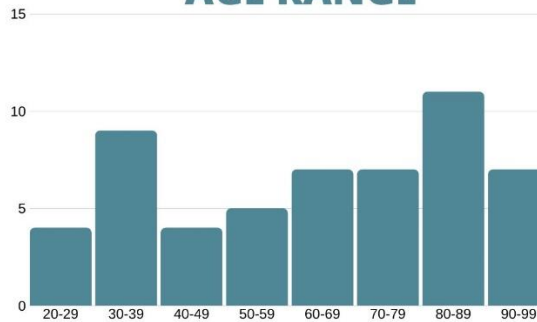
Hospitalized  
**3**

Deaths  
**9**

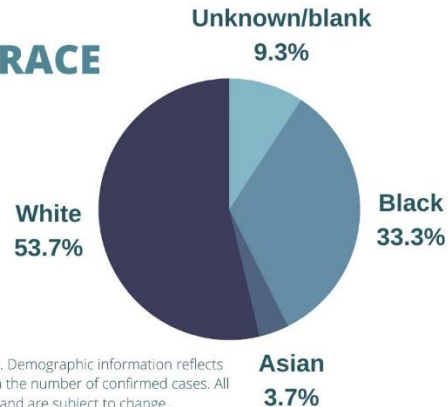
**GENDER**



**AGE RANGE**



**RACE**



All numbers reflect status at time of release. Demographic information reflects confirmed cases only. Deaths are included in the number of confirmed cases. All numbers displayed are provisional and are subject to change.

There are zero newly-confirmed cases but unfortunately, two deaths since yesterday's press release have been reported. A female in her 90s and a female in her 70s, who were both residents at Fair Havens Senior living long-term care facility, have passed away. We provide you this update with great sadness and send our heartfelt condolences to the friends and family of these residents. Out of respect for the family and friends of these people, please give them privacy as they grieve the loss of their loved ones.

Of the 54 confirmed cases of COVID-19, 37 are associated with congregate living facilities.

As a reminder, testing is not widely available to the general public, it is **imperative** that community members, whether feeling ill or well, implement social distancing best practices to limit the spread and contraction of COVID-19. This means staying home and away from as many people as possible as often as possible. Follow the precautionary measures – thorough and frequent hand washing; using a mask to cover your face in public and congregate settings; self-monitoring your own health condition – at every opportunity.

If you experience symptoms such as fever, cough, and shortness of breath, do not present at a hospital emergency room or doctor's office unless it is a true emergency. Call your primary care physician first. Individuals without a primary care physician can call:

- DMH Medical Group at (217) 876-2856.
- HSHS Medical Group Patient Advocate at 844-520-8897.
- Crossing Healthcare at (217) 877-9117.
- SIU at (217) 872-3800.

For COVID-19 screening, the following resources are available:

- Memorial Health System's respiratory screening clinic located at DMH Express Care East (4455 U.S. Route 36 East); open seven days a week, 8 a.m. - 6 p.m. Before coming to the respiratory clinic, individuals should call (217) 876-1200.
- Crossing Healthcare, 320 East Central Avenue in Decatur. Call (217) 877-9117 for an appointment.
- HSHS St. Mary's Hospital 24/7 COVID-19 Hotline at (217) 464-2966
- HSHS Medical Group offers free virtual assessments for COVID-19 at [www.anytimecare.com](http://www.anytimecare.com).

Anyone entering healthcare facilities should be prepared to be screened before entering.

### **Daily PSA: A Message from the City of Decatur Regarding Bus Transit**

Buses have continued to operate on Decatur routes for people who see the buses as a lifeline for getting to jobs, medical appointments or to simply get around the city. As of tomorrow, Monday, April 20, 2020, the City of Decatur is requiring individuals to wear face coverings or masks on public transit. Decatur City Manager, Scot Wrighton, says wearing masks will protect both transit drivers and the traveling public. Homemade face coverings, homemade masks, paper masks, scarves, etc. can be worn to cover the face. There are signs posted on the buses. Riders have also been asked to enter the rear doors of the bus as an additional precautionary measure.

**Illinois Department of Public Health Text Message Alerts**

Opt-in to receive text messages from IDPH so you can have accurate information about COVID-19 and how to protect yourself. Text COVID to 312-500-3836 for English or text COVID ESP to (312) 500-3836 for Spanish.

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