



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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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 4/21/2020

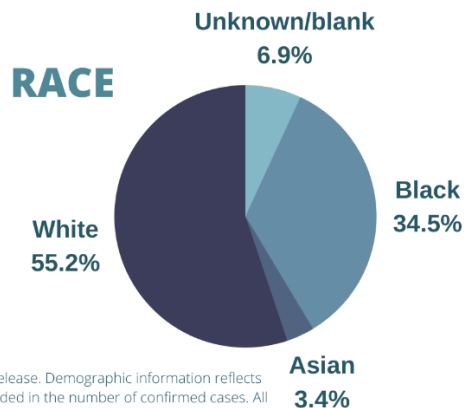
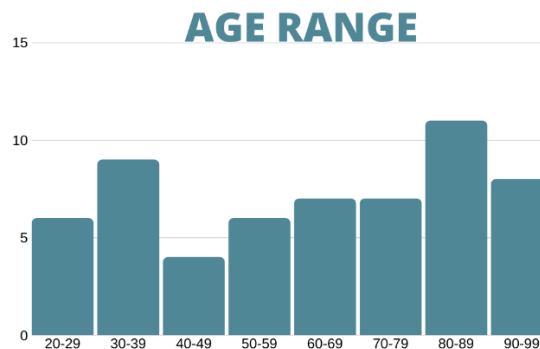
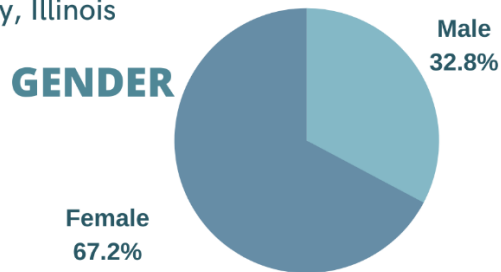
Confirmed Cases
58

Released from Isolation
9

Home Isolation
34

Hospitalized
4

Deaths
11



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.

Since yesterday's press release, there have been three newly-confirmed cases. We are extremely saddened that we must also report the passing of two additional residents. The first, as we reported this morning, was a female in her 60s. The second person was female in her 80s who was a resident at Fair Havens Senior living long-term care facility. We provide you this update with great sorrow 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 58 confirmed cases of COVID-19, 39 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.

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

Daily PSA: A Message from SIU Center for Family Medicine Decatur

As communities respond to the threat of COVID-19, we want you to know that you are not alone. If you are experiencing COVID symptoms, like shortness of breath, fever or a cough, or you need pandemic relief, call (217) 545-5100. Our Pandemic Health Workers can help you get the resources you need!

Our Pandemic Health Workers can assist you with health and wellness services through wellness check-ins, home deliveries, telehealth services and emergency management connections.

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