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**Crisis Communication Team Press Update**

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

**COVID-19 Macon County, Illinois**

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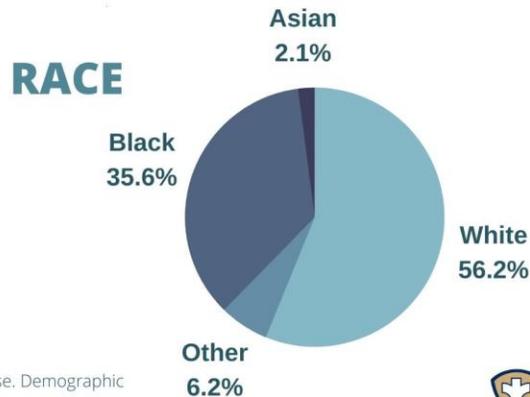
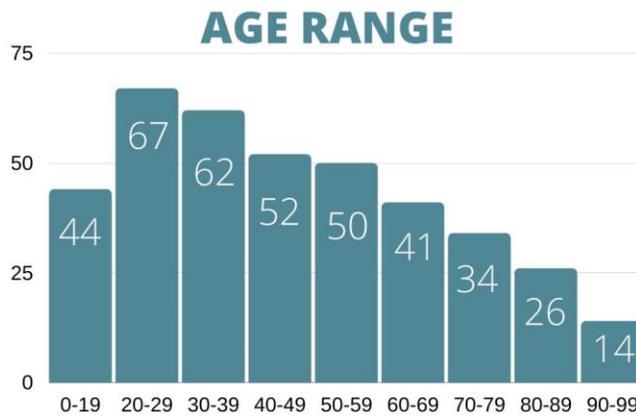
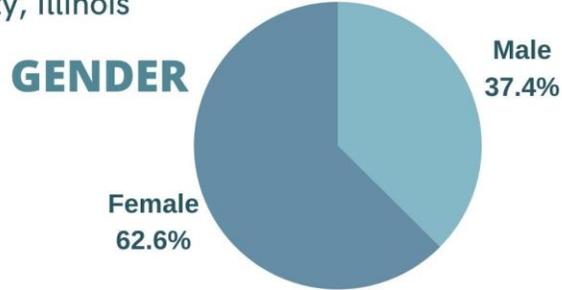
Confirmed Cases  
**390**

Released from Isolation  
**233**

Home Isolation  
**131**

Hospitalized  
**3**

Deaths  
**23**



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 the previous release, we have had 11 newly-confirmed cases of COVID-19. Therefore, our overall number is 390 confirmed COVID-19 cases in Macon County.

We encourage all community members to implement social distancing and face covering best practices to limit the spread of COVID-19. People with COVID-19 have reported a wide range of symptoms. If you experience symptoms of COVID-19 with which you are concerned, please call your primary care physician first. Do not show up at a hospital emergency room or doctor's office unless it is a true emergency.

Individuals without a primary care physician can call:

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

For COVID-19 screening, please call one of the following:

- Crossing Healthcare: (217) 877-9117
- HSHS St. Mary's Hospital 24/7 COVID-19 Hotline: (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.

### **PSA: Traveling Overnight**

Things to know when traveling overnight:

- Stay home if you are sick.
- Check the hotel's COVID-19 prevention practices before you go.
  - Use options for online reservation and check-in, mobile room key, and contactless payment.
  - Before you go, call and ask if staff are wearing face coverings at work.
  - Look for any extra prevention practices being implemented by the hotel, such as plexiglass barriers at check-in counters, and physical distancing signs in lobby.
  - Ask if the hotel has updated policies about cleaning and disinfecting or removing frequently touched surfaces and items (such as pens, room keys, tables, phones, doorknobs, light switches, elevator buttons, water fountains, ATM/card payment stations, business center computers and printers, ice/vending machines, and remote controls).
- Wear a face covering and limit close contact with others.
  - Wear a face covering in the lobby and other common areas.
  - Minimize use of areas that may lead to close contact (within 6 feet) with other people as much as possible, like break rooms, outside patios, inside lounging areas, dining areas/kitchens, game rooms, pools, hot tubs, saunas, spas, salons, and fitness centers.
  - Consider taking the stairs. Otherwise wait to use the elevator until you can either ride alone or only with people from household.
- Choose contactless options, when possible.
  - Request contactless delivery for any room service order.

- If you are considering cleaning your travel lodgings, see the CDC's guidance on how to clean and disinfect.
- Protect yourself and others when you travel away from your community.
  - For more information about safely planning travel during the COVID-19 outbreak, visit CDC's Considerations for Travel in the US.

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