



**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**May 1, 2020**

**Joint 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**

Updated 5/1/2020

Confirmed Cases  
**113**

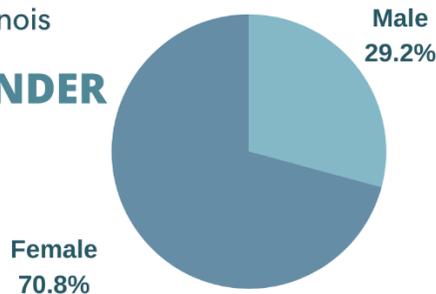
Released from Isolation  
**22**

Home Isolation  
**72**

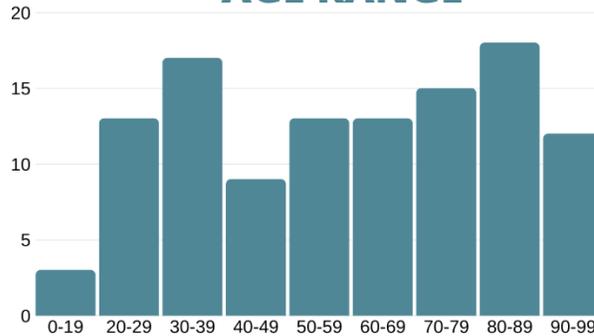
Hospitalized  
**7**

Deaths  
**12**

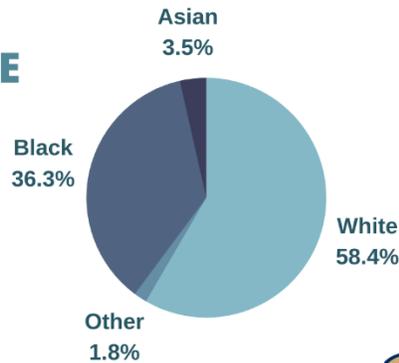
**GENDER**



**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.



Thus far, 873 tests have been performed in Macon County. Since yesterday's press release, we have had 2 newly-confirmed case of COVID-19. Therefore, our overall number is 113 confirmed COVID-19 cases in Macon County.

All community members, whether feeling ill or well, must 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.

People with COVID-19 have reported a wide range of symptoms leading to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to update the list of symptoms. Symptoms may appear two to fourteen days after exposure to the virus. People with the following symptoms or combinations of symptoms may have COVID-19: cough and shortness of breath or difficulty breathing. Additionally, those with **at least two** of the following symptoms may have COVID-19: fever, chills, repeated shaking with chills, muscle pain, headache, sore throat, and/or new loss of taste or smell. This list is not all inclusive. If you experience symptoms with which you are concerned, 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.

### **PSA: Who You Can Contact if You Have Concerns About Social Distancing in Your Workplace**

If you have concerns that your employer is not allowing for safe social distancing or they are not maintaining a safe and sanitary work environment to minimize the risk of spread of COVID-19, please contact the Workplace Rights Bureau of the Illinois Attorney General's Office at 844-740-5076 or [workplacerrights@atg.state.il.us](mailto:workplacerrights@atg.state.il.us).

If you believe that two or more employees at your workplace have COVID-19, please notify your local public health department. A list of local health departments can be found here:

[http://www.idph.state.il.us/IDPHPrograms/v\\_LHDDirectory/Show-V-LHDDirectory-Public.aspx](http://www.idph.state.il.us/IDPHPrograms/v_LHDDirectory/Show-V-LHDDirectory-Public.aspx).

Pursuant to Section 25(b) of the Whistleblower Protection Act, 740 ILCS 174, businesses are prohibited from retaliating against an employee for disclosing information when the employee has

reasonable cause to believe that the information discloses a violation of a state or federal law, rule, or regulation.

For more information about COVID-19, including ways to protect yourself and others, visit the Illinois Department of Public Health's COVID-19 website: <https://www.dph.illinois.gov/covid19>.

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