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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

Updated 5/14/2020

Confirmed Cases

158

Released from Isolation

51

Home Isolation

85

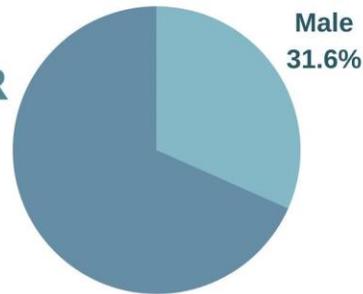
Hospitalized

6

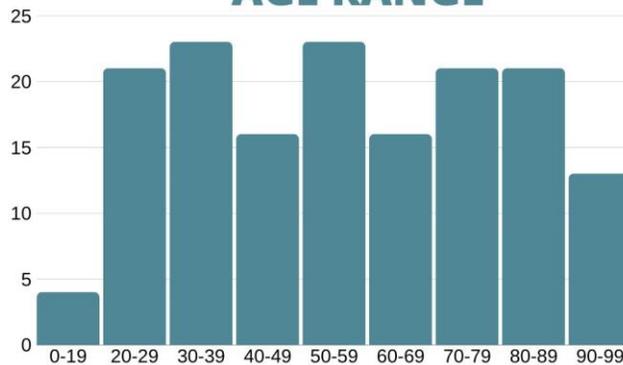
Deaths

16

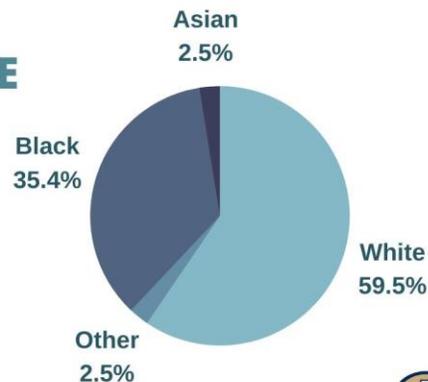
GENDER



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.



Since yesterday's release, we have had six newly-confirmed cases of COVID-19. Therefore, our overall number is 158 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.

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

PSA: Warning vs. Watch

With a chance of severe weather coming our way, it is important to know the difference between a warning and a watch.

Thunderstorm:

A Severe Thunderstorm Warning is issued by your local NOAA National Weather Service Forecast Office meteorologists who watch a designated area 24/7 for severe weather that has been reported by spotters or indicated by radar. Warnings mean there is a serious threat to life and property to those in the path of the storm. **ACT** now to find safe shelter! A warning can cover parts of counties or several counties in the path of danger.

A Severe Thunderstorm Watch is issued by the NOAA Storm Prediction Center meteorologists who are watching the weather 24/7 across the entire U.S. for weather conditions that are favorable for severe thunderstorms. A watch can cover parts of a state or several states. **Watch** and **prepare** for severe weather and stay tuned to NOAA Weather Radio to know when warnings are issued.

Tornado:

A Tornado Warning is issued by your local NOAA National Weather Service Forecast Office meteorologists who watch the weather 24/7 over a designated area. This means a tornado has been reported by spotters or indicated by radar and there is a serious threat to life and

property to those in the path of the tornado. **A tornado warning indicates that you should ACT NOW** to find safe shelter! A warning can cover parts of counties or several counties in the path of danger.

A Tornado Watch is issued by the NOAA Storm Prediction Center meteorologists who watch the weather 24/7 across the entire U.S. for weather conditions that are favorable for tornadoes and severe weather. A watch can cover parts of a state or several states. Watch and prepare for severe weather and stay tuned to NOAA Weather Radio to know when warnings are issued.

Flood:

Flash Flood Warning or Flood Warning is issued when flash flooding or flooding has been reported or is imminent — take necessary precautions at once! Get to higher ground!

Flash Flood Watch or Flood Watch is issued when flash flooding or flooding is possible within the designated watch area — be alert.

For more information on warnings and watches, please visit www.nssl.noaa.gov.

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