



**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**May 16, 2020**

**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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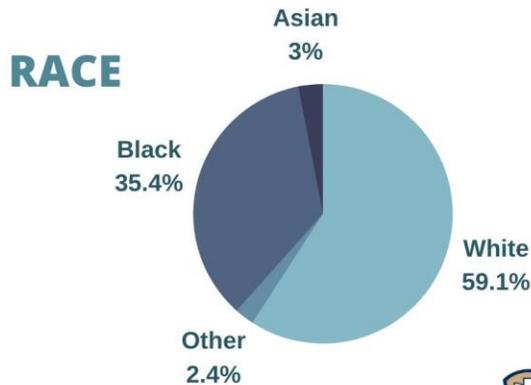
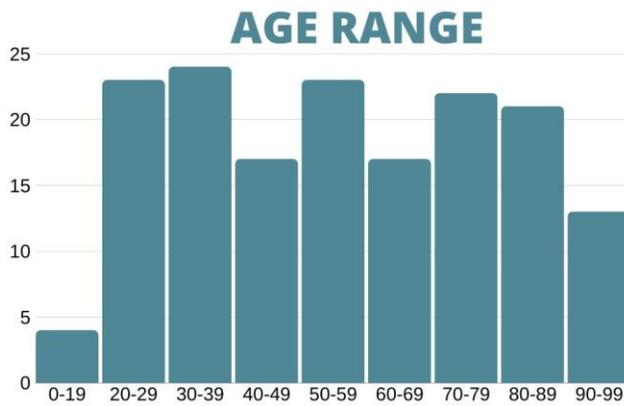
Confirmed Cases  
**164**

Released from Isolation  
**54**

Home Isolation  
**90**

Hospitalized  
**3**

Deaths  
**17**



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 three newly-confirmed cases of COVID-19. Therefore, our overall number is 164 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: Electronic Benefits Transfer to start in WIC**

The Macon County Health Department (MCHD) will begin to offer Electronic Benefits Transfer (EBT) on May 26, 2020. Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) clients will be moving from a paper voucher system to one in which an electronic, plastic card will be used. WIC staff will be learning how to better serve the community with this new system which will result in some changes in service hours during the process.

The WIC Office will be closed May 20<sup>th</sup> through May 22<sup>nd</sup> for virtual training. The Office will reopen on May 26, 2020.

The MCHD and WIC staff are asking for your patience as they learn to serve you using this exciting new system. Please feel free to call the WIC Office at 217-423-3764 with any questions.

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