



## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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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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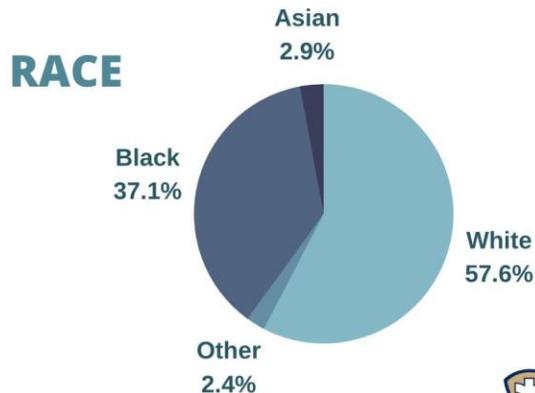
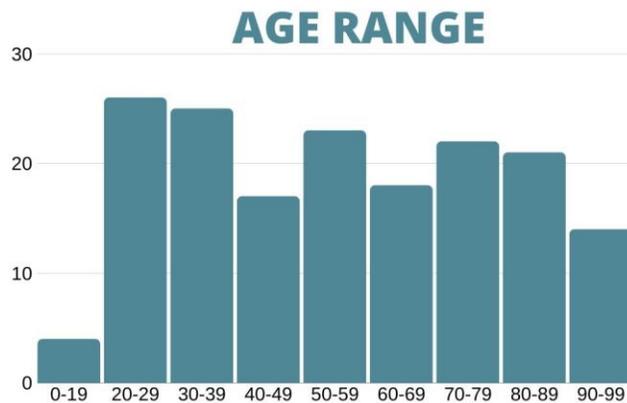
Confirmed Cases  
**170**

Released from Isolation  
**57**

Home Isolation  
**94**

Hospitalized  
**2**

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 four newly-confirmed cases of COVID-19. Therefore, our overall number is 170 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: Dos and Don'ts of Visiting Parks and Recreational Facilities**

#### **DO**

- Visit parks that are close to your home.
- Prepare before you visit:
  - State or local parks.
  - National parks.
  - Beaches or other swimming areas.
- Stay at least 6 feet away from others ("social distancing") and take other steps to prevent COVID-19.
- Play it safe around and in swimming pools. Keep space between yourself and others.
- Bring your mask/face covering.

#### **DON'T**

- Visit parks if you are sick or were recently exposed to COVID-19.
- Visit crowded parks.
- Use playgrounds.
- Use public hot tubs, spas, water playgrounds, or water parks.
- Participate in organized activities or sports.

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