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 5/24 /2020

Confirmed Cases	**185**
Released from Isolation	**68**
Home Isolation	**95**
Hospitalized	**3**
Deaths	**19**

GENDER
- Male 35.1%
- Female 64.9%

AGE RANGE

Age	Count
0-19	5
20-29	30
30-39	26
40-49	21
50-59	24
60-69	19
70-79	25
80-89	21
90-99	14
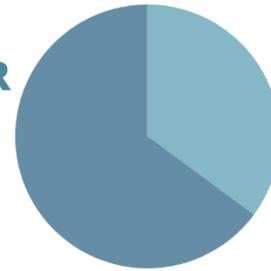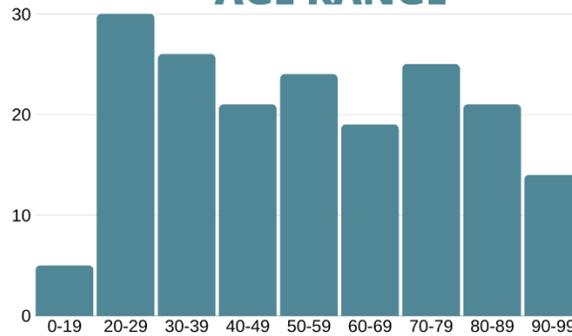
RACE
- Asian 2.7%
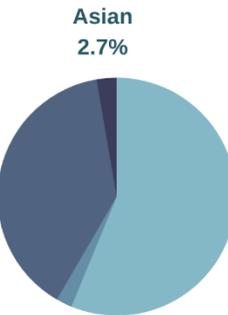- Black 38.9%
- White 56.2%
- Other 2.2%

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.

The Joint Crisis Communication Team is saddened to announce the death of an 19th Macon County resident with COVID-19. This person was a male in his 60s. We extend our heartfelt condolences to the friends and family of this resident, and we ask that they are given respect and privacy as they mourn the loss of their loved one.

Since yesterday's release, we have had no newly-confirmed cases of COVID-19. Therefore, our overall number is still 185 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. <u>People with COVID-19 have reported a wide range of symptoms</u>. 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.

<u>Anyone entering healthcare facilities should be prepared to be screened before entering.</u>

PSA: Memorial Day

Memorial Day is Monday, May 25th, 2020. This is a time to honor and remember those who gave their lives to protect and serve our country. Here are a few things you can do to help honor their memories.

- Display the flag – The U.S. flag is flown at half-staff from dawn until noon on Memorial Day. Some people also choose to fly the POW/MIA flag to honor prisoners of war and those missing in action.

- Visit a cemetery – Honor the memory of a family member or another veteran by putting flowers on their grave. Remember to practice social distancing and informational buildings may be closed during this time.

- Join the national moment of silence – Pause wherever you are at 3 p.m. for a moment of silence to remember and honor the fallen.

- Attend virtual remembrances – Many cities and towns have Memorial Day events to remember those who gave their lives for our country.

- Wear red poppies – Red poppies are worn on Memorial Day in honor of those who died serving the nation during war.

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