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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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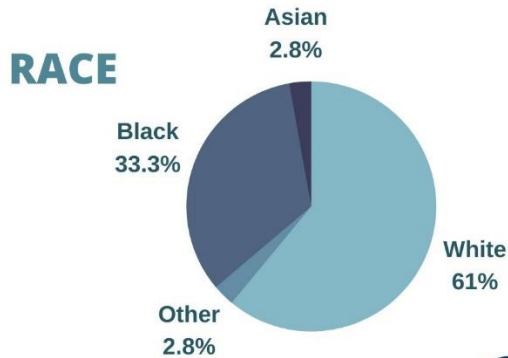
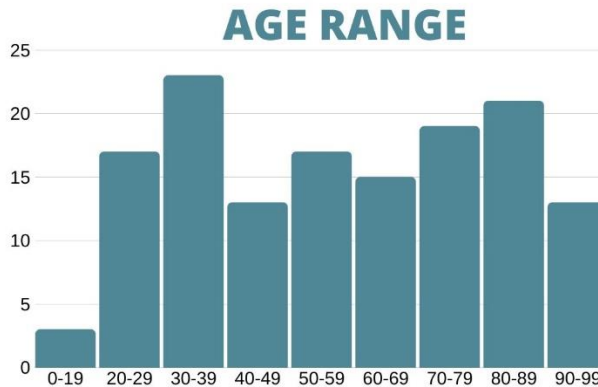
Confirmed Cases
141

Released from Isolation
31

Home Isolation
93

Hospitalized
2

Deaths
15



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, 1,369 tests have been performed in Macon County. Since yesterday's press release, we have had six newly-confirmed cases of COVID-19. Therefore, our overall number is 141 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: Opening of More Macon County Businesses

As more businesses in Macon County open their doors, it is important to do our best to help support and protect our community. For those with questions, The Decatur Regional Chamber of Commerce is offering a webinar, Road to Recovery: Preparing to Re-open Your Business. This free webinar will be hosted on Wednesday, May 13th from 1:30-3:30 CDT. To register, please visit:

https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYqd-mtqTktEtTr_-O5LQlgEOpjG4CFQj74

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