



## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

June 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

Updated 6/16/2020

Confirmed Cases  
**212**

Released from Isolation  
**144**

Home Isolation  
**43**

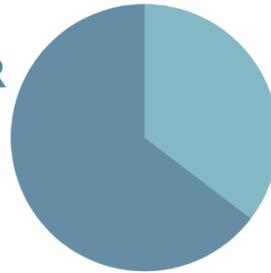
Hospitalized  
**3**

Deaths  
**22**

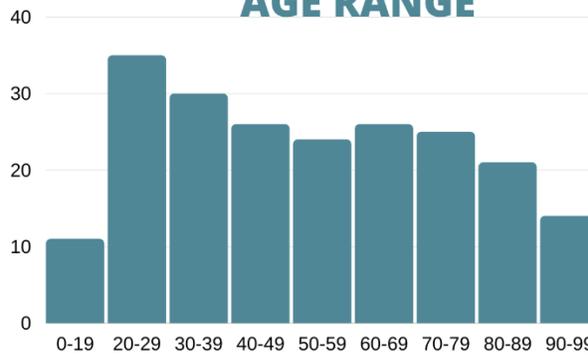
#### GENDER

Female  
64.6%

Male  
35.4%



#### AGE RANGE



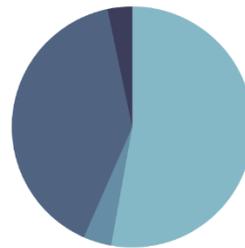
#### RACE

Black  
40.1%

Asian  
3.3%

White  
52.8%

Other  
3.8%



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 212 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: Deciding to Go Out**

As states are beginning to open more, you may be looking for ways to resume some daily activities as safely as possible. While there is no way to ensure zero risk of infection, we have to understand the potential risks and how we can reduce the spread of COVID-19. As a reminder, if you have COVID-19, have symptoms consistent with COVID-19, or have been in close contact with someone who has COVID-19, you need to stay home and away from other people.

What you need to know:

- In general, the more closely you interact with others and the longer that interaction takes place, the higher the risk of COVID-19 spread.
- If you decide to engage in public activities, continue to protect yourself by practicing everyday preventive actions.
- Keep these items on hand when venturing out: cloth face covering, tissues, and a hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol, if possible.

What to consider before you go:

- What are the local and state orders in the community?
- Will My activity put me in close contact with others?
- Am I at risk for severe illness?
- Do I live with someone who is at risk for severe illness?
- Do I practice everyday preventive actions?

- Will I have to share any items, equipment, or tools with other people?
- Will I need to take public transportation to get to the activity?
- Does my activity require travel to another community?
- If I get sick with COVID-19 will I have to miss work or school?
- Do I know what to do if I get sick?

If you decide to engage in public activities, continue to protect yourself by practicing everyday preventive actions.

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