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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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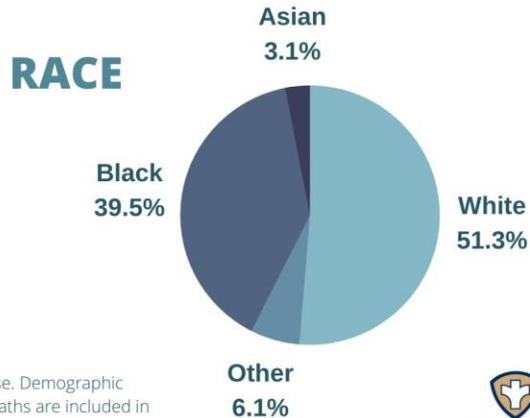
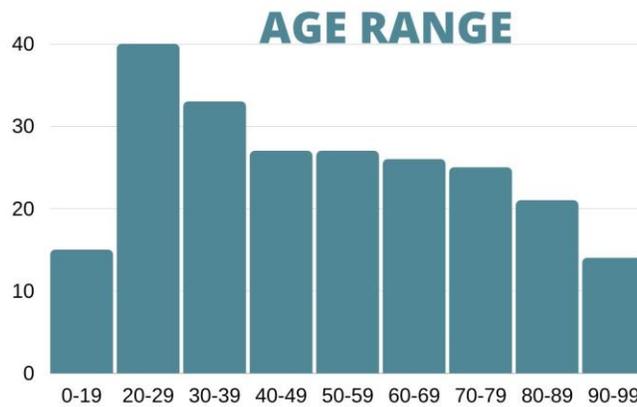
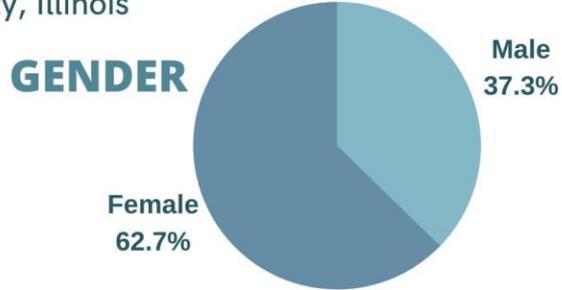
Confirmed Cases  
**228**

Released from Isolation  
**185**

Home Isolation  
**19**

Hospitalized  
**2**

Deaths  
**22**



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.



Please note that the number of tests performed will be reported each Monday and Friday. Thus far, 7,913 tests have been performed in Macon County. Since Friday's release, we have had one newly-confirmed case of COVID-19. Therefore, our overall number is 228 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: Best Practices for Face Coverings**

Guidelines state face coverings should be worn when you are in public or reporting to work and you either cannot or it is impractical to maintain 6 feet of physical distance between yourself and others. Some examples are going to the grocery store, interacting with clients, customers, or coworkers, traveling on public transportation, and visiting your health care provider. Face coverings should not be placed on young children under age 2 or anyone who has trouble breathing, is unconscious, incapacitated, or otherwise unable to remove the mask without assistance.

Best Practices for Face Coverings (along with following social distancing and other recommendations):

- Wash and dry newly sewn face covering before using them for the first time.
- Having more than one face covering per person so they can be laundered daily. This will also be helpful if your face covering becomes wet, damaged, or no longer fits and you need to replace it.
- Wash your hands with alcohol-based hand rub or soap and water before putting on a mask, immediately after removing it, or if you touch the face covering while using it.
- The face covering should fit snugly around the sides of your face, mouth, and nose. A metal wire sewn or built into the covering will help it conform to the bridge of your nose.
- Avoiding touching your face covering while using it. If you do touch it, wash your hands with soap and water or alcohol-based hand rub.

- Replace your covering when wet, damaged or it no longer fits your face. Face coverings should not be worn damp or when wet from spit or mucus.
- Try to avoid touching the outer surface of the face covering when removing it. Remove the face covering by untying it or unfastening the ear loops. Place it in a bag or bin away from small children or pets until it can be laundered.

When wearing a cloth face covering, they should:

- Fit snugly but comfortably against the side of the face, mouth, and nose.
- Be secure with ties or ear loops.
- Fully cover both your nose and mouth.
- Allows for breathing without restriction.
- Be able to be laundered and machine dried without damage or change to shape.

For more information on best practices for wearing face coverings, visit the following websites: IDPH, CDC, or the Macon County Health Department.

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