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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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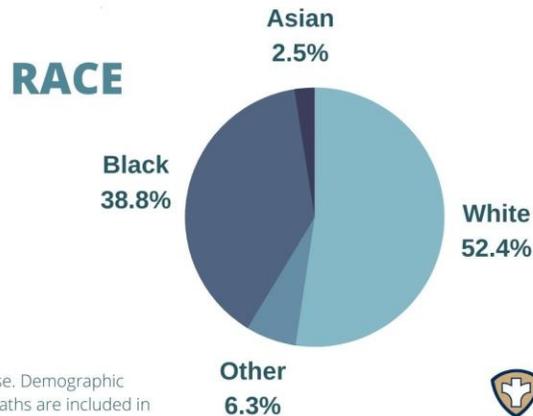
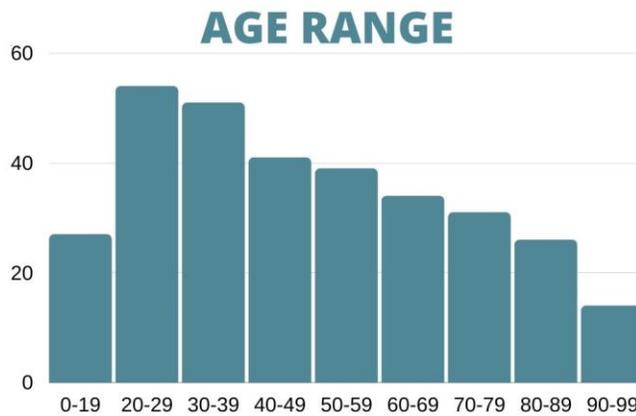
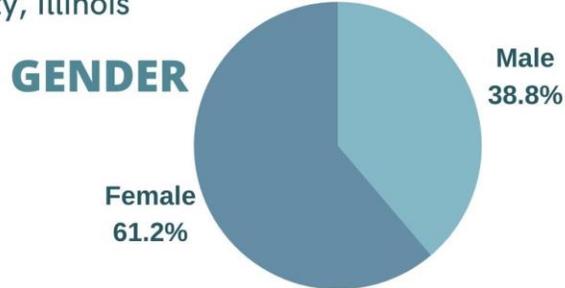
Confirmed Cases
317

Released from Isolation
227

Home Isolation
60

Hospitalized
7

Deaths
23



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, 13,191 tests have been completed in Macon County. Since the previous release, we have had 12 newly-confirmed cases of COVID-19. Therefore, our overall number is 317 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: How to Protect Yourself and Others

Everyone should:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds especially after you have been in a public place, or after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing. If soap and water is not available, use hand sanitizer with at least 60 percent alcohol until you are able to wash your hands with soap and water.
- Avoid close contact.
 - Outside of your home, put at least 6 feet of distance between yourself and people who don't live in your household.
 - Inside your home, avoid close contact with those who are sick. Try to maintain 6 feet of distance between you and the person who is sick.
- Cover your mouth and nose with a face covering when around others.
 - Face coverings should not be placed on young children under age 2, anyone who has trouble breathing, or is unconscious, incapacitated, or otherwise unable to remove the mask without assistance.
 - Face coverings are not a substitute for social distancing. Continue to keep about 6 feet between yourself and others.
- Cover coughs and sneezes. Always cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze or use the inside of your elbow. Immediately wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water is not available, use hand sanitizer with at least 60 percent alcohol.

- Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces daily.
- Monitor your health daily.
 - Watch for fever, cough, shortness of breath, or other symptoms of COVID-19. If symptoms develop, take your temperature. Do not take your temperature within 30 minutes of exercising or after taking medications that could lower your temperature, like acetaminophen.

Please help us stop the spread of COVID-19 in our community, in our county and in our country.

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