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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

Updated 7/9/2020

Confirmed Cases

242

Released from Isolation

201

Home Isolation

17

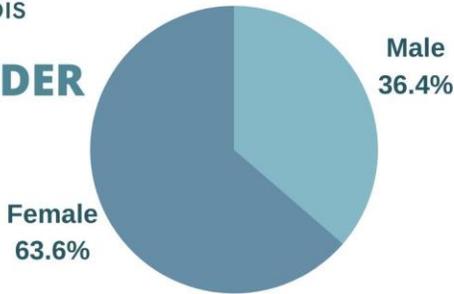
Hospitalized

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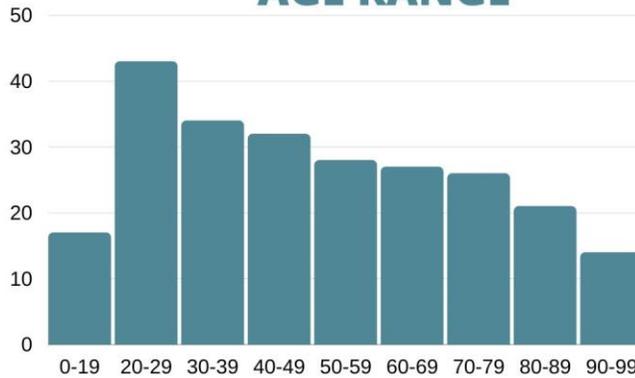
Deaths

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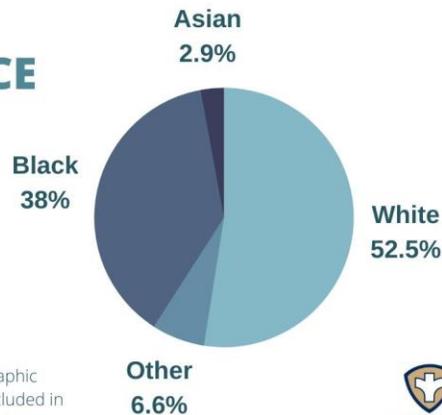
GENDER



AGE RANGE



RACE



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 the previous release, we have had one newly-confirmed case of COVID-19. Therefore, our overall number is 242 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: Make Your Home Safer

Housing conditions can significantly affect your health and safety. By following the tips below, you are improving your home health and safety.

- Remove hazards that increase the chance for falling, such as rugs, loose cords, and objects on the floor.
- Check or change the batteries on your carbon monoxide alarm at least twice a year.
- Test smoke alarms monthly to ensure they work properly. For smoke alarms that use regular alkaline batteries, replace the batteries at least once a year. For smoke alarms that use lithium (long-life) batteries, replace the entire alarm unit every 10 years or sooner if it chirps or stops working.
- Keep cooking areas free of flammable objects, such as potholders and towels.
- Keep candles, medicine, household cleaners, and other chemicals out of children's reach, in locked or child-proof cabinets.
- Don't use a gasoline or charcoal-burning device near a window, door, or vent, or inside your home, basement, or garage.
- Test your home for radon (a radioactive gas linked to lung cancer). You can purchase a kit at your local hardware or home improvement store. If testing shows levels higher than 4 pCi/L, seal or vent your basement, and monitor your radon levels to make sure they lessen.
- Make your home smoke-free.
- Keep medicines in their original bottles or containers.

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