



**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**August 27, 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 8/27/2020

Confirmed Cases  
**898**

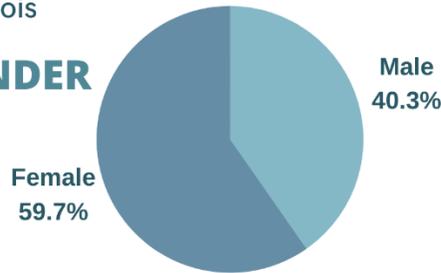
Released from Isolation  
**539**

Home Isolation  
**317**

Hospitalized  
**15**

Deaths  
**27**

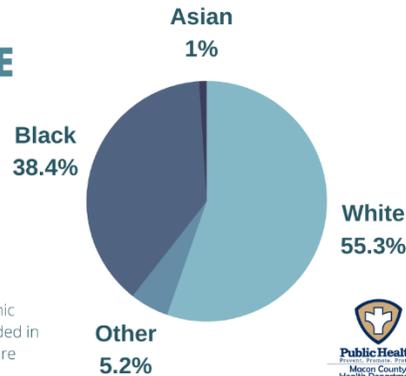
**GENDER**



**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.



The Joint Crisis Communication Team is saddened to announce the death of the 27<sup>th</sup> Macon County resident with COVID-19. This person was a female in her 60s. Our team would like to extend our heartfelt condolences to the family and friends, and we ask that they are given respect and privacy as they mourn the loss of their loved one.

Since the previous release, we have had 20 newly-confirmed cases of COVID-19. It was determined through contact tracing communications that one of our previously-reported case's permanent address is in another county. Therefore, that case and all relevant information has been turned over to the health department in which the resident currently resides and the overall number for today increases by 19.

Therefore, our overall number is 898 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

Anyone entering healthcare facilities should be prepared to be screened before entering.

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