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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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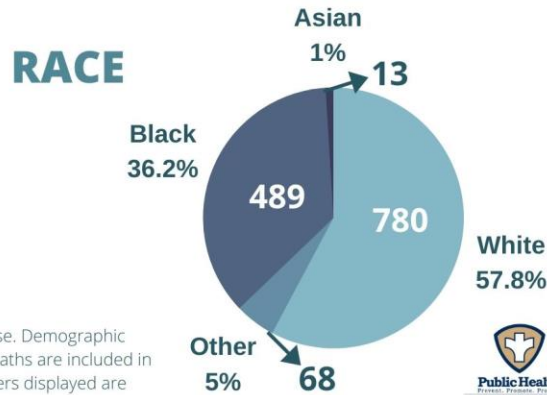
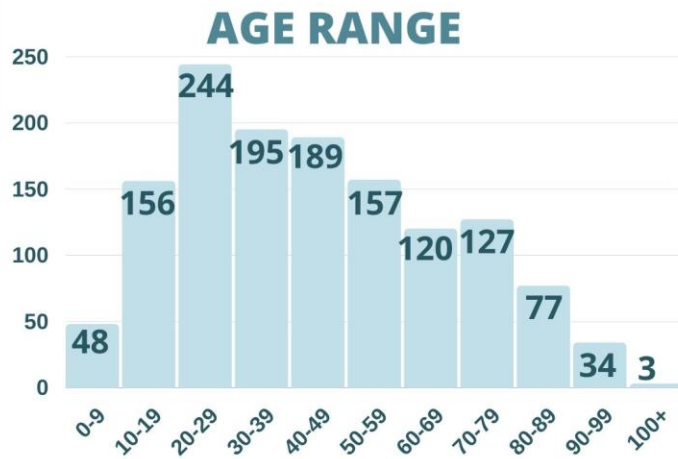
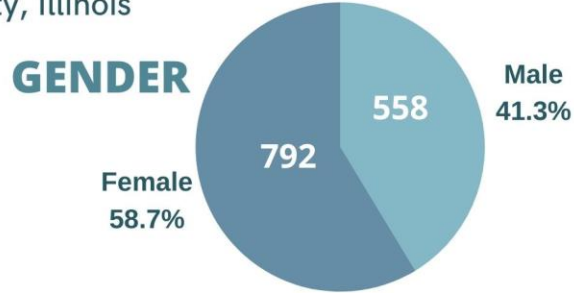
Confirmed Cases
1350

Released from Isolation
776

Home Isolation
522

Hospitalized
14

Deaths
38



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.



With great sadness, the Joint Crisis Communication Team announces the passing of a Macon County resident with COVID-19. This resident was a female in her 90s. Our team would like to extend our deepest condolences to the family and friends of this person, and we ask that they are given respect and privacy as they mourn the loss of their loved one.

As depicted in the infographic released today, there have been 30 newly-confirmed cases of COVID-19. Since the start of the pandemic, 1,350 Macon County residents have tested positive for COVID-19. Please refer to the Illinois Department of Public Health's website to view the total number of COVID-19 tests performed. You can find this information at the following link - <https://www.dph.illinois.gov/covid19/covid19-statistics> - by selecting Macon County in the dropdown box.

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, call one of the following:

- Crossing Healthcare: (217) 877-9117
- HSHS St. Mary's Hospital 24/7 COVID-19 Hotline: (217) 464-2966

COVID-19 Testing Sites:

- Drive-Through COVID-19 Testing in the Decatur Civic Center Parking Lot
 - Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. until noon
- Crossing Healthcare: Patients should call (217) 877-9117.
- SIU: Patients should call (217) 872-3800.
- HSHS Medical Group: Free drive-through testing by appointment only on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 4965 Lost Bridge Rd., Decatur, IL
 - Registration through MyChart is required for testing.
 - Non-HSHS Patients can visit: HSHSMGCovidTesting.org to set up an account
 - HSHS Patients can visit: HSHSMGCovidTesting.org or their MyChart account
- CVS: Visit www.cvs.com

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

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