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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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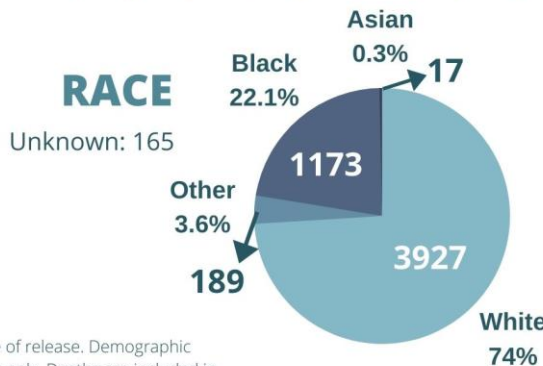
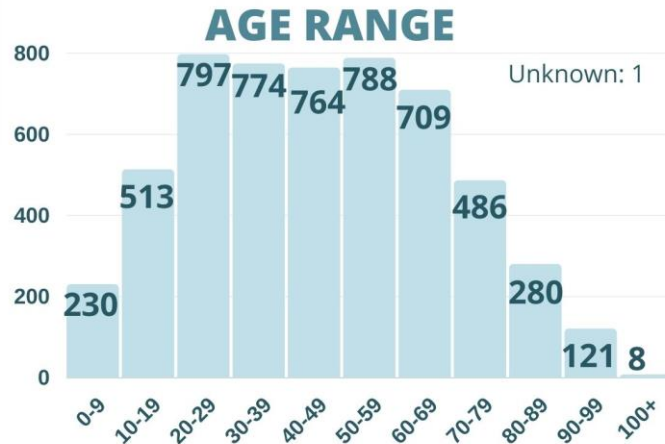
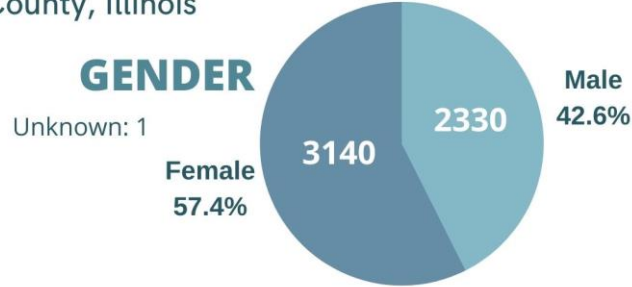
Confirmed Cases
5471

Released from Isolation
3696

Home Isolation
1631

Hospitalized
51

Deaths
93



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 share the news of the passing of four Macon County residents with COVID-19. Three residents were males, two in their 70s and one in his 90s. One resident was a female in her 90s. Our team extends our sincere condolences to the families and friends of these people, and we ask that they are given the respect and privacy they deserve as they mourn their incredible loss.

Today, the Joint CCT is reporting 125 newly-confirmed cases of COVID-19. Therefore, since the start of the pandemic, the total number of confirmed COVID-19 cases in Macon County residents is 5,471. Please acknowledge that every person affected by this pandemic is a human being with family, friends, and a future that is changed by COVID-19. It is up to every single member of this community to do EVERYTHING that they can do prevent the spread of this virus and the consequences associated.

Community members can 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](https://www.HSHSMGCovidTesting.org) to set up an account
 - HSHS Patients can visit: [HSHSMGCovidTesting.org](https://www.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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