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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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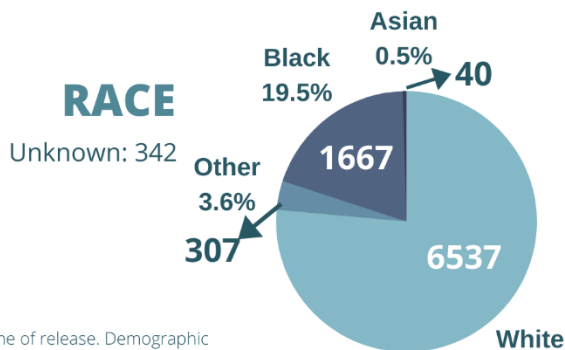
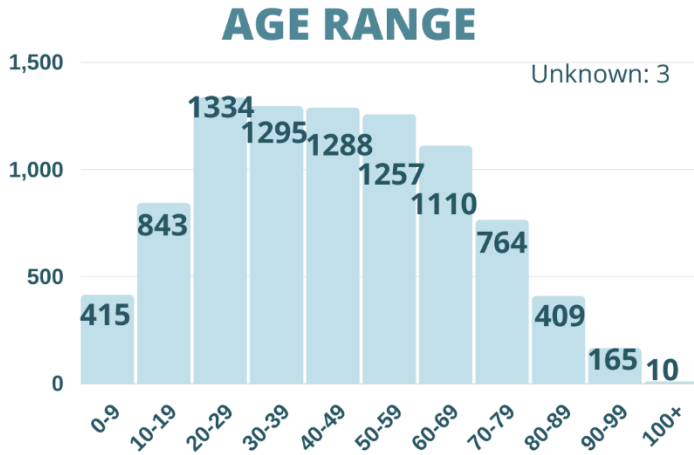
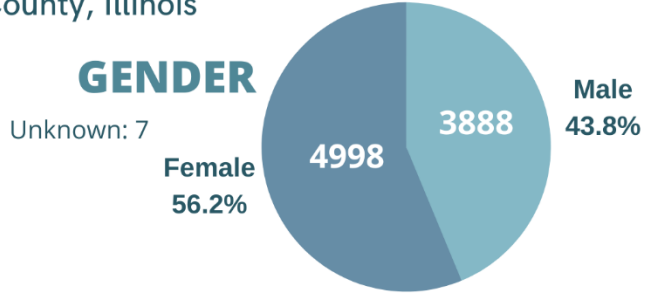
Confirmed Cases  
**8893**

Released from Isolation  
**7899**

Home Isolation  
**805**

Hospitalized  
**23**

Deaths  
**166**



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.



It is with great sadness that we, the Joint Crisis Communication Team, must announce the passing of one Macon County resident with COVID-19. This person was a male in his 80s, and we ask that you please respect the privacy of his family and friends as they mourn their significant loss.

Today, the Joint CCT is reporting 94 newly-confirmed cases of COVID-19 since Friday's report. On Saturday, January 16<sup>th</sup>, there were 41 new cases of COVID-19 and on Sunday, January 17<sup>th</sup>, there were 31 new cases. Today, January 18<sup>th</sup>, there are 22 new cases of COVID-19. Please note that while there are 94 newly-confirmed cases, it was determined through case investigations that two of the recently-reported cases were residents of other counties and their cases were transferred to the appropriate health departments. Thus, the total number of cases is 92 more than previously reported. Therefore, since the start of the pandemic, the total number of confirmed COVID-19 cases in Macon County residents is 8,893. 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.

#### COVID-19 Testing:

- Drive-Through COVID-19 Testing in the Decatur Civic Center Parking Lot.
  - 7 days a week, 8:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m.
- Crossing Healthcare: Drive-through testing located at 990 N. Water St.
  - Monday- Friday, 8:00 a.m.- noon (appointments are strongly encouraged, but not required)
  - For more information and to schedule an appointment, visit [crossinghealthcare.org/COVID19](https://crossinghealthcare.org/COVID19)
- SIU: Patients should call (217) 872-3800.
- HSHS Medical Group: 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://HSHSMGCovidTesting.org) to set up an account
    - HSHS Patients can visit: [HSHSMGCovidTesting.org](https://HSHSMGCovidTesting.org) or their MyChart account
- CVS: Visit [www.cvs.com](https://www.cvs.com)
- Vero Clinics: [www.veroclinics.com](https://www.veroclinics.com)

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