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April 17, 2020

COVID-19 Joint Press Communication Update

As of today's release, the Joint Crisis Communication Team (CCT) reports the following numbers:

COVID-19 Macon County, Illinois

Updated 4/17/2020

Confirmed Cases

46

Released from Isolation

8

Home Isolation

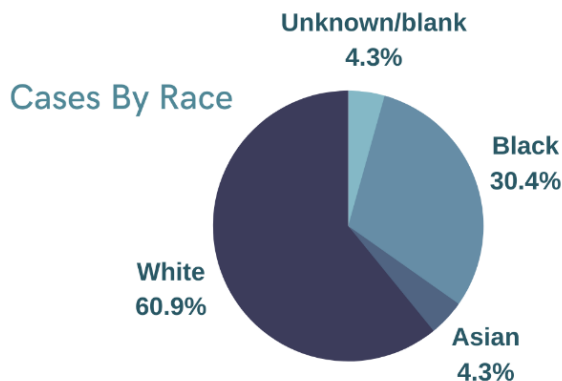
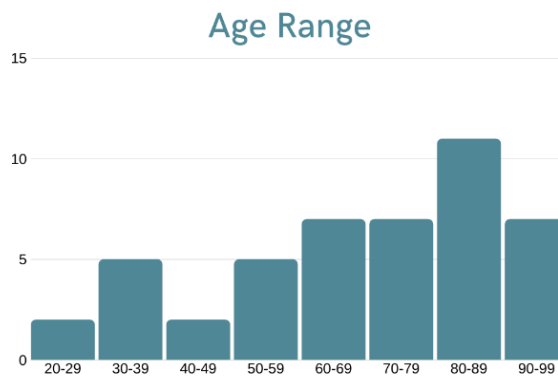
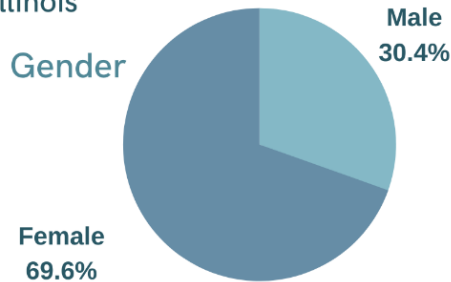
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Hospitalized

4

Deaths

7



All numbers displayed are provisional and are subject to change. Deaths are included in the number of confirmed cases.

Of these 46 confirmed cases of COVID-19, 33 are associated with Fair Havens Senior Living long-term care facility and 1 is associated with Villa Clara Post Acute. When cases are confirmed at any long-term care facility, IDPH guidance directs the long-term facility of steps to be taken with residents and the facility. IDPH guidance also directs the long-term care facility to communicate this information with the physician, local health department, regulatory agency, families, staff and residents. The MCHD has continued to be in ongoing communication with long-term care facilities.

As a reminder, testing is not widely available to the general public, it is ***imperative*** that community members, whether feeling ill or well, implement social distancing best practices to limit the spread and contraction of COVID-19. This means staying home and away from as many people as possible as often as possible.

If you experience symptoms such as fever, cough, and shortness of breath, do not present at a hospital emergency room or doctor's office unless it is a true emergency. Call your primary care physician first. Individuals without a primary care physician can call:

- DMH Medical Group at (217) 876-2856
- HSHS Medical Group Patient Advocate at 844-520-8897
- Crossing Healthcare at (217) 877-9117
- SIU at (217) 872-3800

For COVID-19 screening, the following resources are available:

- Memorial Health System's respiratory screening clinic located at DMH Express Care East (4455 U.S. Route 36 East); open seven days a week, 8 a.m. - 6 p.m. Before coming to the respiratory clinic, individuals should call (217) 876-1200.
- HSHS St. Mary's Hospital 24/7 COVID-19 Hotline at (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.

Daily PSA: A Message from the City of Decatur Regarding Bus Transit

Buses have continued to operate on Decatur routes for people who see the buses as a lifeline for getting to jobs, medical appointments or to simply get around the city. As of Monday, April 20, 2020, the City of Decatur is requiring individuals to wear face coverings or masks on public transit. Decatur City Manager Scot Wrighton says wearing masks will protect both transit drivers and the traveling public. Homemade face coverings, homemade masks, paper masks, scarves, etc. can be worn to cover the face. There are signs posted on the buses. Riders have also been asked to enter the rear doors of the bus as an additional precautionary measure.

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