



## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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### Death of An Individual with COVID-19 and Joint 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 5/3/2020

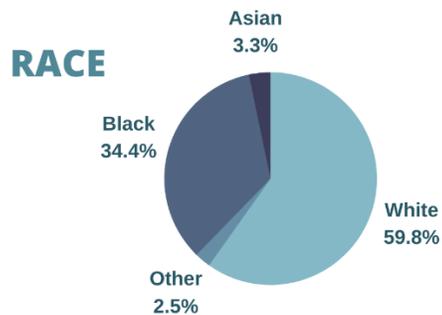
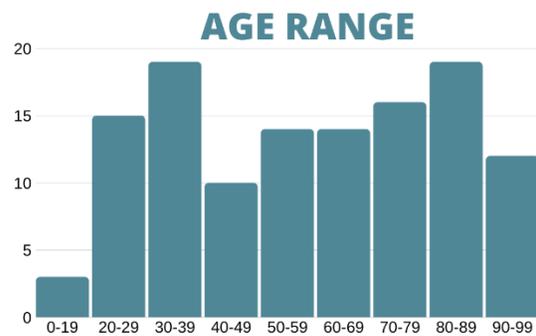
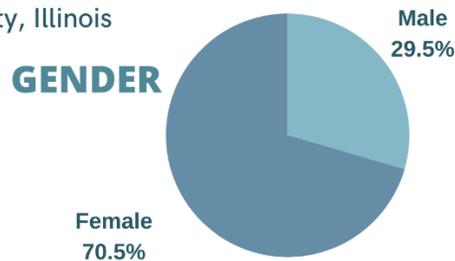
Confirmed Cases  
**122**

Released from Isolation  
**22**

Home Isolation  
**77**

Hospitalized  
**10**

Deaths  
**13**



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.



Since yesterday's press release, we have had one newly-confirmed case of COVID-19. Therefore, our overall number is 122 confirmed COVID-19 cases in Macon County.

The Crisis Communication Team also regrets to inform you that there has been a passing of a 13<sup>th</sup> Macon County resident with COVID-19. This person was a male in his 70s who was a resident at Villa Clara Post Acute. We extend our sincerest condolences to the family and friends of this resident and ask that they are given respect and privacy as they grieve the loss of their loved one.

All community members, whether feeling ill or well, must 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. Follow the precautionary measures – thorough and frequent hand washing; using a mask to cover your face in public and congregate settings; self-monitoring your own health condition – at every opportunity.

People with COVID-19 have reported a wide range of symptoms leading to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to update the list of symptoms. Symptoms may appear two to fourteen days after exposure to the virus. People with the following symptoms or combinations of symptoms may have COVID-19: cough and shortness of breath or difficulty breathing. Additionally, those with **at least two** of the following symptoms may have COVID-19: fever, chills, repeated shaking with chills, muscle pain, headache, sore throat, and/or new loss of taste or smell. This list is not all inclusive. If you experience symptoms with which you are concerned, 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.
- Crossing Healthcare, 320 East Central Avenue in Decatur. Call (217) 877-9117 for an appointment.
- 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](http://www.anytimecare.com).

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

### **PSA: Domestic Violence**

#### **Domestic Violence Helpline:**

- 1-877-TO END DV or 1-877-863-6338 (Voice)
- 1-877-863-6339 (TTY)
- The hotline is toll free, confidential, multilingual, and open 24-hour.
- What is the purpose of this service?

- Domestic violence programs located throughout Illinois provide safety assistance to victims of domestic violence.

### **Who can receive these services?**

- Services are free and private.
- They are available regardless of race, ethnicity, gender, religion, income, disability, or sexual orientation.
- You do not have to leave the abuser or your home to get help.
- The Helpline Operator or the Local Agency will decide what services will assist you from the program at either the first meeting or via the telephone call.
- To locate a Domestic Violence Center, visit: [Domestic Violence Agency Listing](#)  
The list identifies a center or agency in a nearby city or surrounding area as well as the local hotline number(s).

### **What services are offered?**

Services include:

- 24-hour crisis hotline that provides: Support, Information and Referral(s)
- Counseling
- Safety planning
- Legal advocacy
- Children's services
- Temporary food and housing
- Reaching out to people who are victims of domestic violence
- Working with police and law enforcement to better protect victims and their families
- Teaching people about domestic violence and problems that come with domestic violence, that domestic violence is NOT OKAY and providing education to youth

### **Programs may also provide:**

- Emergency medical care & transportation
- Employment & Educational assistance
- Childcare

### **How to apply?**

Contact a local domestic violence center/agency in your city for assistance and services:

- State of Illinois' Domestic Violence Help Line at: 877-863-6338 (Voice) or 1-877-863-6339 (TTY)
- [DHS Office and Service Provider Partner Abuse Intervention Program \(PAIP\)](#)
- [DHS Office and Service Provider Locator for a list of Domestic Violence Victim Services.](#)

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