FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

May 10, 2020

<u>Crisis Communication Team Press Update</u>

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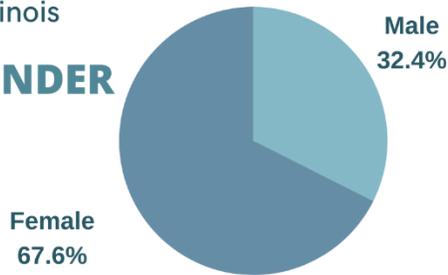

COVID-19 Macon County, Illinois
Updated 5/10/2020

Confirmed Cases	145
Released from Isolation	31
Home Isolation	97
Hospitalized	2
Deaths	15

GENDER
- Male 32.4%
- Female 67.6%

AGE RANGE
- 0-19
- 20-29
- 30-39
- 40-49
- 50-59
- 60-69
- 70-79
- 80-89
- 90-99

RACE
- Asian 2.8%
- Black 33.8%
- White 60.7%
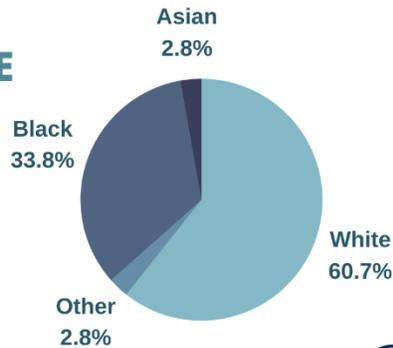- Other 2.8%
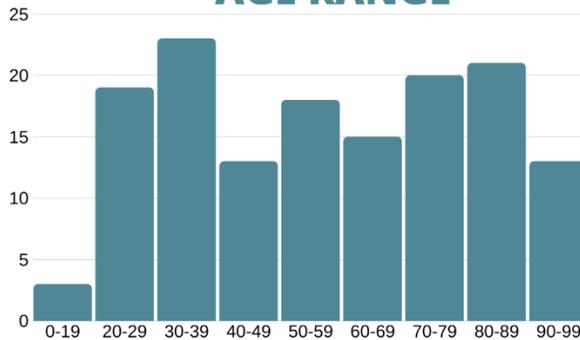
All numbers reflect status at time of release. Demographic information reflects confirmed cases only. Deaths are included in the number of confirmed cases. All numbers displayed are provisional and are subject to change.

Since yesterday's press release, we have had four newly-confirmed cases of COVID-19. Therefore, our overall number is 145 confirmed COVID-19 cases in Macon County.

We encourage all community members to implement social distancing and face covering best practices to limit the spread of COVID-19. <u>People with COVID-19 have reported a wide range of symptoms</u>. 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, please call one of the following:

- Crossing Healthcare: (217) 877-9117
- HSHS St. Mary's Hospital 24/7 COVID-19 Hotline: (217) 464-2966
- HSHS Medical Group offers free virtual assessments for COVID-19 at www.anytimecare.com.

<u>Anyone entering healthcare facilities should be prepared to be screened before entering.</u>

PSA: CDC's Guidance on When to Wear Gloves

WHEN CLEANING

- When you are routinely cleaning and disinfecting your home.
- Follow precautions listed on the disinfectant product label, which may include – wearing gloves (reusable or disposable) and having good ventilation by turning on a fan or opening a window to get fresh air into the room you're cleaning.
- Wash your hands after you have removed the gloves.

WHEN CARING FOR SOMEONE WHO IS SICK

- If you are providing care to someone who is sick at home or in another non-healthcare setting:
  - Use disposable gloves when cleaning and disinfecting the area around the person who is sick or other surfaces that may be frequently touched in the home.
  - Use disposable gloves when touching or having contact with blood, stool, or body fluids, such as saliva, mucus, vomit, and urine.
  - After using disposable gloves, throw them out in a lined trash can. Do not disinfect or reuse the gloves.
  - Wash your hands after you have removed the gloves.

WHEN GLOVES ARE NOT NEEDED

Wearing gloves outside of these instances (for example, when using a shopping cart or using an ATM) will not necessarily protect you from getting COVID-19 and may still lead to the spread of germs. The best way to protect yourself from germs when running errands and after going out is to regularly wash your hands with soap and water for 20 seconds or use hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol.

OTHER WAYS TO PROTECT YOURSELF

COVID-19 is a respiratory virus and is mainly spread through droplets created when a person who is infected coughs, sneezes, or talks. You can protect yourself by keeping social distance (at least 6 feet) from others and washing your hands with soap and water for 20 seconds (or using a hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol) at key times, and practicing everyday preventive actions.

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