



## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

May 15, 2020

### 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 5/15/2020

Confirmed Cases

**161**

Released from Isolation

**54**

Home Isolation

**85**

Hospitalized

**5**

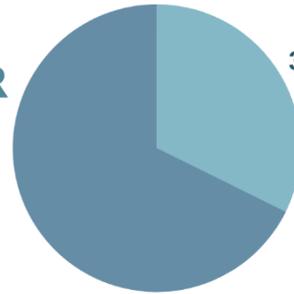
Deaths

**17**

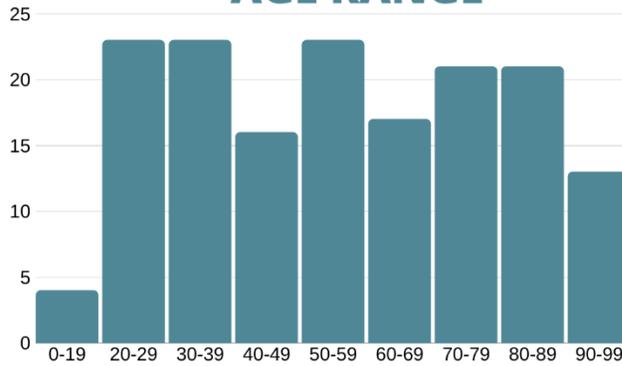
#### GENDER

Female  
67.7%

Male  
32.3%



#### AGE RANGE



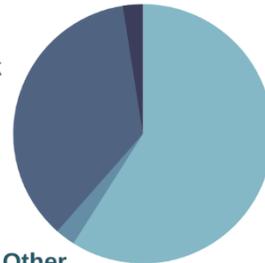
#### RACE

Black  
36%

Other  
2.5%

Asian  
2.5%

White  
59%



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 inform you of the passing of a seventeenth Macon County resident with COVID-19. This resident was a male in his 80s and was a resident at Fair Havens Senior Living long-term care facility. We extend our heartfelt condolences to the friends and family of this resident, and we ask that they are given respect and privacy as they mourn the loss of their loved one.

Thus far, 1,810 tests have been performed in Macon County. Since yesterday's release, we have had three newly-confirmed case of COVID-19. Therefore, our overall number is 161 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. 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, 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](http://www.anytimecare.com).

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

### **PSA: Reducing Mosquito Population**

With the recent rain, now is the time to inspect your property for standing water and other areas where mosquitoes can breed. With more people staying home and spending more time enjoying outdoor space, we need to our best to reduce mosquito population. Here are a few suggests on how you can help reduce the mosquito population.

- Remove or empty water in old tires, buckets, drums, bottles or other places where mosquitoes can breed. Be sure to check clogged gutters and flat roofs that may have poor drainage.
- Empty plastic wading pools at least once a week and store indoors when not in use. Unused swimming pools should be covered or drained during the mosquito season.
- Change the water in bird baths and plant pots or drip trays at least once a week.
- If you have an ornamental water garden, stock it with mosquito-eating fish like minnows, "mosquito fish," or goldfish.

- Empty and refill your pet's water bowls daily.
- Keep weeds and tall grass cut short; adult mosquitoes look for these shady places to rest during the hot daylight hours.

To protect yourself and your family from mosquito bites, use an Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)- registered insect repellent with one of the following active ingredients: DEET, Picaridin, IR3535, Oil of lemon eucalyptus, or 2-undecanone. When used as directed, EPA-registered insect repellents are proven safe and effective, even for pregnant and breastfeeding women.

If you are aware of an area that has standing water for three (3) or more days, please call Macon Mosquito Abatement District at (217) 875-2722. If you are not in the Macon Mosquito Abatement District, they can refer you to the appropriate agency.

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