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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 5/6/2020

Confirmed Cases

132

Released from Isolation

29

Home Isolation

80

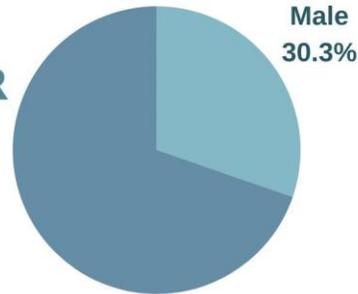
Hospitalized

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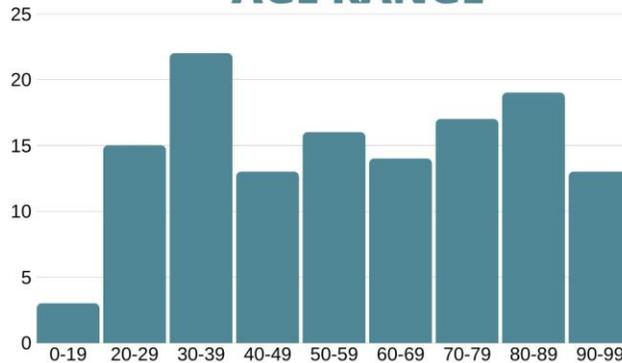
Deaths

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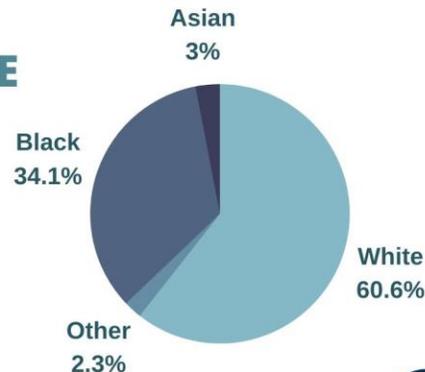
GENDER



AGE RANGE



RACE



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 five newly-confirmed cases of COVID-19. Therefore, our overall number is 132 confirmed COVID-19 cases in Macon County.

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.

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

PSA: Restore Illinois Plan

Yesterday, Governor Pritzker released the *Restore Illinois* plan in relation to COVID-19 and the re-opening of our state. Restore Illinois is about saving lives and livelihoods. This five-phased plan will reopen our state, guided by health metrics and with distinct business, education, and recreation activities characterizing each phase. This is an initial framework that will likely be updated as research and science develop and as the potential for treatments or vaccines is realized. The plan is based upon regional healthcare availability, and it recognizes the distinct impact COVID-19 has had on different regions of our state as well as regional variations in hospital capacity. The Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) has 11 Emergency Medical Services Regions that have traditionally guided its statewide public health work and will continue to inform this reopening plan. For the purposes of this plan, from those 11, four health regions are established, each with the ability to independently move through a phased approach: Northeast Illinois; North-Central Illinois; Central Illinois; and Southern Illinois. You can find and read the full plan by visiting the following link:

<https://coronavirus.illinois.gov/sfc/servlet.shepherd/document/download/069t000000BadS0AAJ?operationContext=S1>

IDPH will be tracking all 4 regions metrics and make those available each day for the public to track along. Please visit the link below to see the metrics associated with each region.

<https://www.dph.illinois.gov/covid19>

An Important Note in Relation to the Provision of Dental Services

Until further notice, the Illinois State Dental Society (ISDS) recommends dentists and dental offices cease all in-person dental treatment except for dental emergencies. For more information and to view the ISDS Recommendations regarding COVID-19, please visit <https://www.isds.org/>.

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