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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

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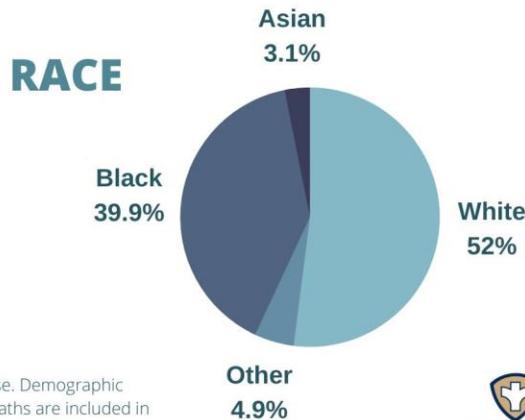
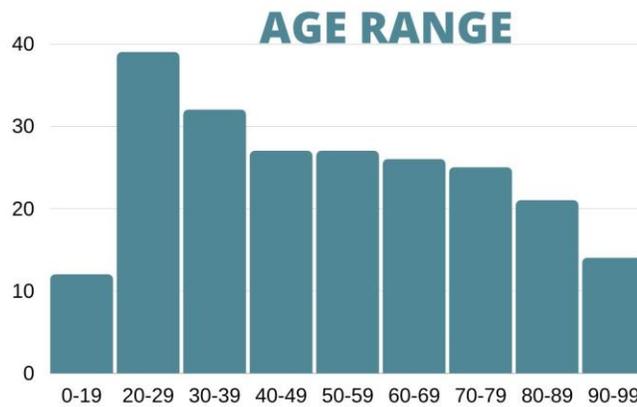
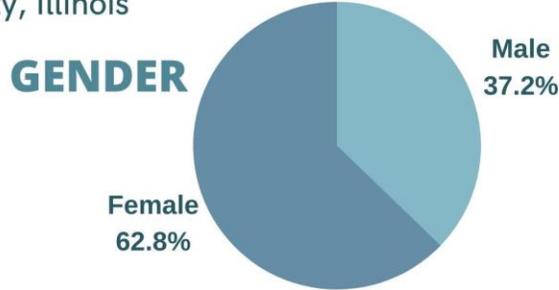
Confirmed Cases
223

Released from Isolation
177

Home Isolation
22

Hospitalized
2

Deaths
22



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 release, we have had three newly-confirmed cases of COVID-19. Therefore, our overall number is 223 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.

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

PSA: Swim Safely

Swimming is a fun, active, and healthy way to spend leisure time. Take a few minutes to keep health and safety in mind to help prevent illness and injury.

- Ask a buddy to join you when swimming so you don't swim alone.
- Choose swimming sites that have lifeguards.
- Avoid drinking alcohol before and during swimming.
- Don't swallow pool water.
- Don't swim when you have diarrhea. Germs can spread in the water and make other people sick.
- Take a shower and wash your child before swimming.
- Take your kids on bathroom breaks every 60 minutes, or check diapers every 30-60 minutes.
- Change diapers in a bathroom or a diaper-changing area and not at poolside. Germs can spread in and around the pool.
- Wash your hands after using the toilet or changing diapers before getting in the pool.
- Watch children in and around water at all times.
- Make sure to keep your ears as dry as possible to help prevent swimmer's ear.

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