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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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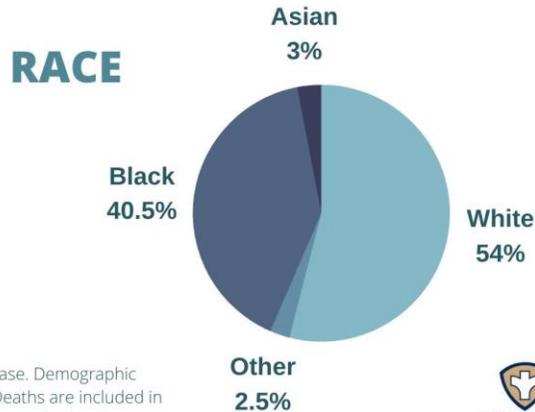
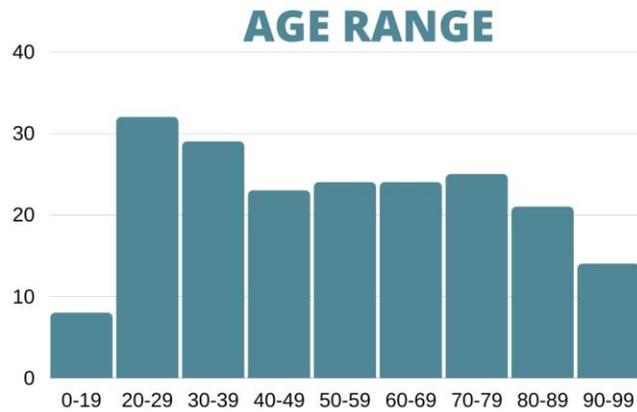
Confirmed Cases
200

Released from Isolation
131

Home Isolation
48

Hospitalized
0

Deaths
21



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 announce the death of a 21st Macon County resident with COVID-19. We would like to extend our heartfelt condolences to the family and friends as they mourn the loss of their loved one. The resident was a male in his 70s.

Thus far, 4,148 tests have been performed in Macon County. Since yesterday's release, we have had zero newly-confirmed cases of COVID-19. Therefore, our overall number is still 200 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: Keeping the Workplace Safe

To help stop the spread of COVID-19, encourage your employees to:

Practice good hygiene

- Stop handshaking- use other noncontact methods of greeting.
- Clean hands at the door and schedule regular hand washing reminders by email.
- Create habits and reminders to avoid touching their faces and cover coughs and sneezes.
- Disinfect surfaces like doorknobs, tables, desks, and handrails regularly.

Be careful with meetings and travel

- Use videoconferencing for meetings when possible.
- When not possible, hold meetings in open, well-ventilated spaces.
- Consider adjusting or postponing large meetings or gatherings.
- Assess the risk of business travel.

Handle food carefully

- Limit food sharing.
- Strengthen health screening for cafeteria staff and their close contacts.
- Ensure cafeteria staff and their close contacts practice strict hygiene.

Stay home if...

- They are feeling sick.
- They have a sick family member in their home.

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