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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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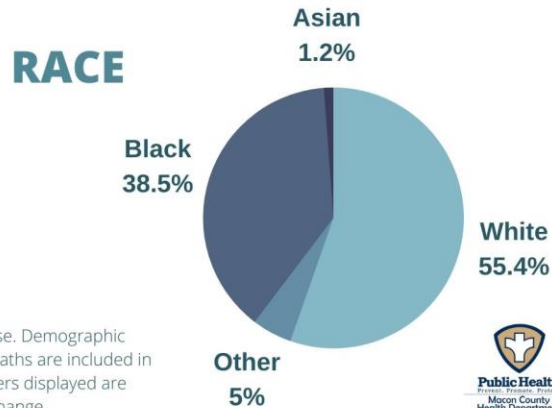
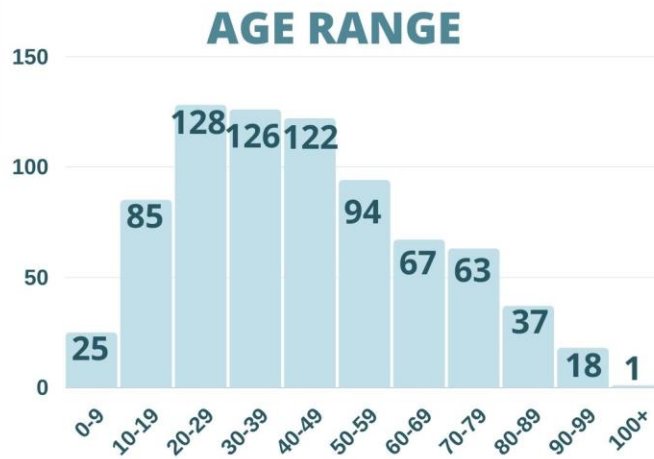
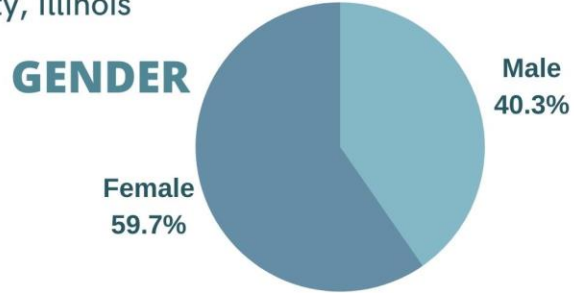
Confirmed Cases
766

Released from Isolation
390

Home Isolation
335

Hospitalized
17

Deaths
24



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 Friday's release, we have had 40 newly-confirmed cases of COVID-19, 20 of which were confirmed on Saturday, August 15th, 13 of which were confirmed on Sunday, August 16th, and 7 of which were confirmed today, Monday, August 17th. Therefore, our overall number is 766 confirmed COVID-19 cases in Macon County. The current number listed on the Illinois Department of Public Health website for the total number of tests performed in Macon county is 22,444.

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.

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