



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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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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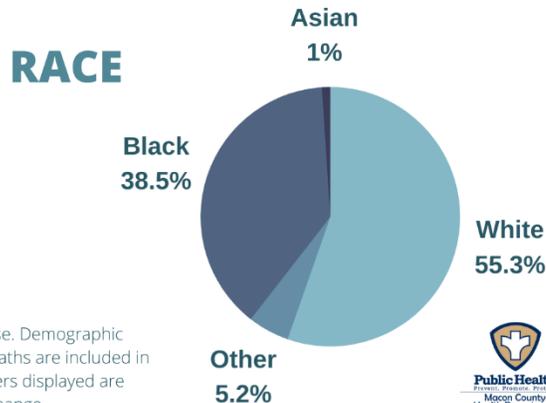
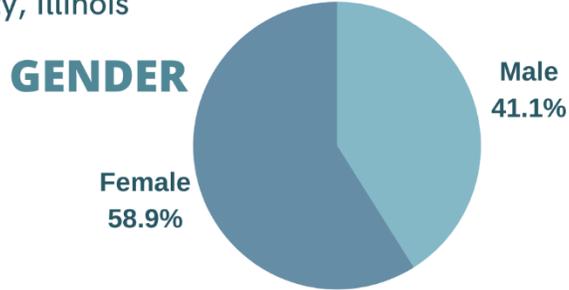
Confirmed Cases
871

Released from Isolation
538

Home Isolation
292

Hospitalized
15

Deaths
26



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 the 26th Macon County resident with COVID-19. This person was a female in her 70s. Our team would like to extend our heartfelt condolences to the family and friends, and we ask that they are given respect and privacy as they mourn the loss of their loved one.

Since the previous release, we have had 16 newly-confirmed cases of COVID-19. Therefore, our overall number is 871 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

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

PSA: Additional Dates for Free COVID-19 Community Testing

The Illinois Department of Public Health will continue to perform free COVID-19 community testing, August 27, 2020 through August 30, 2020. Those who are in need of a COVID-19 test should visit the Decatur Civic Parking Lot between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. on those days.

Community Members:

- No appointment needed.
- No cost to you.
- Masks are REQUIRED.
- Must have a valid phone number to receive results.
- Tests will be done by nasal swab.
- Results may take up to a week. Please do not call.
- Individuals with or without symptoms may be tested.

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