













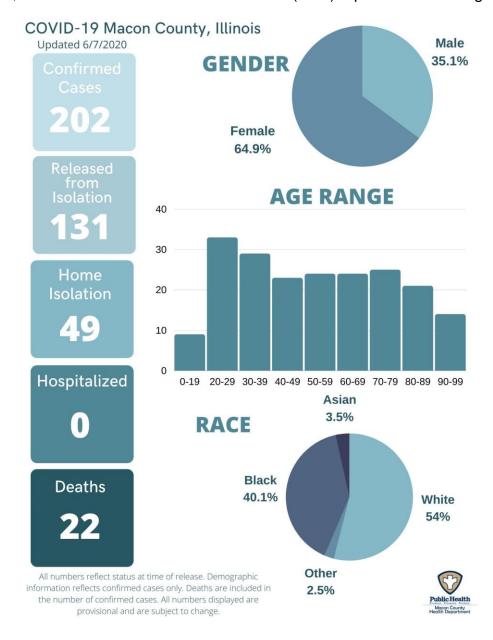


#### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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## **Crisis Communication Team Press Update**

As of today's release, the Joint Crisis Communication Team (CCT) reports the following numbers:



The Joint Crisis Communication Team is saddened to announce the death of a 22<sup>nd</sup> 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 80s.

Since yesterday's release, we have had one newly-confirmed case of COVID-19. Therefore, our overall number is 202 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. <u>People with COVID-19 have reported a wide range of symptoms</u>. 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 Commercial Establishments Safe

To help stop the spread of COVID-19, encourage your employee and customers 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.
- Promote tap and pay to limit handling of cash.
- Disinfect surfaces like doorknobs, tables, desks, and handrails regularly.
- Increase ventilation by opening windows or adjusting air conditioning.

#### **Avoid crowding**

- Use booking and scheduling to stagger customer flow.
- Use online transactions where possible.
- Consider limiting attendance at larger gatherings.

### For transportation businesses, taxis, and ride shares

Keep windows open when possible.

- Increase ventilation.
- Regularly disinfect surfaces.

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