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## 24 RESIDENTS TEST POSITIVE FOR COVID-19

Egyptian Health Department was notified on January 13, 2020, of 24 Southeastern Illinois residents who have tested positive for Coronavirus (COVID-19). The individuals include:

### Saline County

- Female: 1 under the age of 10, 2 in their teens, 1 in their 30's, 1 in their 50's, 1 in their 70's, 1 in their 80's, 2 demographics unknown-case status in progress
- Male: 2 demographics unknown-case status in progress

### Gallatin County

- Female: 1 in their 50's, 1 in their 60's

### White County

- Female: 1 in their 20's, 2 in their 40's, 2 in their 50's, 2 in their 60's, 1 in their 70's
- Male: 1 in their teens, 1 in their 40's, 1 in their 60's

To date, Saline County has had a total of 2,120 lab confirmed positives, including 38 deaths, White County has had a total of 1,389 lab-confirmed positives, including 23 deaths, and Gallatin County has a total of 417 lab-confirmed positives of COVID-19, including 3 deaths. The Illinois Department of Public Health, their healthcare provider, and the individuals have all been notified and are monitoring the situation.

Public health officials are conducting an investigation of these cases by speaking with individuals who are deemed potential close contacts. As is protocol, public health officials may place other individuals on home quarantine if they are determined to have had significant exposure. Such individuals may not be symptomatic, but are quarantined for a period of time which allows symptoms to develop and pass, without posing risk to others. If you are contacted by public health officials, please respond promptly.

Close contacts may include individuals:

- Living in the same household as a sick person with COVID-19
- Caring for a sick person with COVID-19
- Being within 6 feet of a sick person with COVID-19 for about 15 minutes, OR

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- Being in direct contact with secretions from a sick person with COVID-19 (e.g., being coughed on, kissing, sharing utensils, etc.).

COVID-19 shares many symptoms with more common respiratory diseases. If you have a fever, cough, or difficulty breathing, call your healthcare provider for further guidance. In addition, several COVID-19 hotlines have been established:

- Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH)-1-800-889-3931  
DPH.SICK.ILLINOIS.GOV
- Southern Illinois Healthcare (SIH)  
1-844-988-7800
- Ferrell Hospital (Triage Nurse)  
(618) 273-2275
- Harrisburg Medical Center  
(618)253-7671
- Christopher Rural Health Planning Corporation Clinic (CRHPC) (Eldorado, Carmi, Shawneetown)  
1-800-408-7351
- Community Health & Emergency Services (CHESI)  
1-877-MYCHESI(692-4374)

The public is asked to follow and share trusted sources of information on COVID-19. The spread of incorrect information during disease outbreaks can lead people to take actions which may not be beneficial to their health or the health of others. Follow the CDC, IDPH, Illinois Coronavirus website, EHD websites and social media accounts for such trusted information.

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