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Jo Daviess County is reporting two new positive cases of novel coronavirus disease (COVID-19). One case is an adult in their 70s and one an adult in their 80s. This brings the total number of positive cases in Jo Daviess County to three. Our health department is working closely with the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) and continues to monitor the individuals and their close contacts. To maintain patient privacy, further details about the individuals will not be released.

These cases reinforce the importance of actions the public can take to protect themselves and prevent further spread in our community. Please stay home as much as possible, maintain social distancing, and wash your hands with soap and water often for at least 20 seconds.

What the Public Can Do:

- **STAY CALM:** You are not alone in this, your community is here to support you. Talk to your friends and family and let them know if you are having concerns.
- **STAY APART:** Keep at least 6 feet away from others.
- **STAY PUT:** Stay home, only go out when essential (buying groceries, pickup up medicine, etc.)

Be mindful of those who are at greater risk for contracting this virus, including older adults and those with underlying health conditions.

Call your healthcare provider:
If you experience fever, cough, and shortness of breath (flu like symptoms), stay home and call your healthcare provider before going to a healthcare facility. Inform them of your symptoms.

For more information:
Go to IDPH and Jo Daviess County websites.
- [https://www.jodaviess.org](https://www.jodaviess.org)

For general questions about COVID-19, call the IDPH hotline at 1-800-889-3931