JEFFERSON COUNTY
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SPREAD OF COVID-19 AND THE IMPACT ON PUBLIC HEALTH

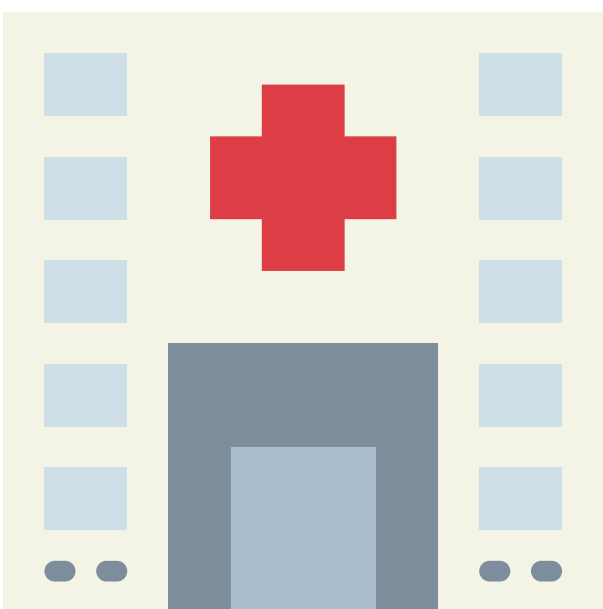## DAILY MONITORING OF POSITIVE CASES

A person with a positive test result is monitored daily by public health. This monitoring ensures that the person is isolating and not furthering the spread of COVID-19.

It also assists the health department in evaluating and supporting the needs of residents in quarantine and/or isolation.

CONTACTING RESIDENTS WITH POSITIVE TEST RESULTS

If an individual tests positive they need to answer a phone call from the health department. Our staff can contact 10-12 positive cases within a 24-hour window after a positive result and do the associated contact tracing. Once cases rise to 12-24 new cases per day over a 5 day period, it takes 48-hours from a positive result to make contact and do the associated contact tracing. After five days of 24 or more cases, we will attempt to contact positive cases within 48-hours and do sensitive contact tracing only.

IDENTIFYING CONTACTS

It is important that contact tracers reach individuals who have been exposed and in contact with a person who has tested positive for COVID-19.

Individuals that have been identified as contacts will be notified by the individual with the positive result and\or the local health department and asked to quarantine; this will require being separated from other individuals for 14 days from last contact to the positive case while infectious in order to prevent the possible spread of COVID-19 and determine if they have any of the symptoms related to the virus or test positive.
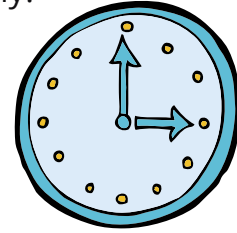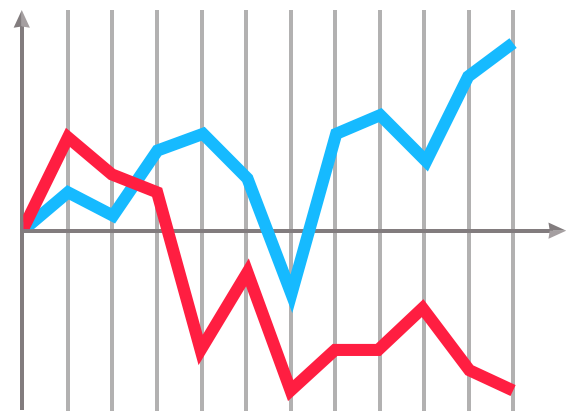
HOSPITAL CAPACITY

Hospitals have a limited capacity for treating patients with complications from COVID-19. Reaching capacity can change drastically in just a few hours. The result is patients being sent to other hospitals for care and routine procedures being postponed.

HELP REDUCE THE BURDEN ON PUBLIC HEALTH

- Keep safe distances of at least 6 feet from others
- Wear a face covering
- Wash hands frequently
- Answer the call from the public health department

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