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5/23/20 – S7HD COVID-19 Update for the Southern Seven Region

Southern Seven Health Department regrets to report **2 new deaths** in the Southern Seven region who tested positive for COVID-19. Both individuals were females in their 90's and were from Union County.

Southern Seven Health Department reports **0 new recovered** case of COVID-19 in the Southern Seven region. Currently, there are **78** individuals from the Southern Seven region who have recovered since the start of the pandemic in the United States.

Southern Seven confirms **3** new cases of COVID-19 in the Southern Seven region. The individuals are being isolated. The newly confirmed cases by gender and age are as follows:

- Union County: One female 50's, one female 60's, one female 90's

Southern Seven Health Department will report on the number of confirmed positive cases as more cases appear. Currently, S7HD is reporting a cumulative total of **202** cases and **6** deaths since the start of the pandemic. The number of individuals confirmed, to date, within the Southern Seven Counties are as follows:

County	Alexander	Hardin	Johnson	Massac	Pope	Pulaski	Union	Total
Total Cases	8	1	7	7	1	40	138	202
Recovered	7	1	4	6	1	22	37	78
Active	1	0	3	1	0	18	101	124
Deaths	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	6

Southern Seven Health Department will not release specific information about individuals with COVID-19 beyond their sex and age range, unless ordered by the court.

The number of COVID-19 cases in Illinois has risen dramatically in the past week. According to the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH), in Illinois there were **2,352** new individuals with COVID-19 identified on **May 23** bringing the confirmed total in the State to **107,796** individuals, with **4,790** deaths.

All data are provisional and will change. In order to rapidly report COVID-19 information to the public, data are being reported in real-time. Information is constantly being entered into an electronic system and the number of cases and deaths can change as additional information is gathered.

The following hotlines are also available to answer your questions and advise you on your next steps for treatment in the Southern Seven region.

- Massac Memorial Hospital 1-618-638-1344 (7am-7pm line)
- Southern Illinois Healthcare 1-844-988-7800 (24-hour line)
- St. Francis Medical Center 1-573-331-4200 (7am-5pm line)
- Baptist Health 1-888-227-8478 (24-hour line)