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COVID-19 in Southern Illinois: Here are today's case numbers in Illinois' 17 southernmost counties

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A county-by-county look at lab-confirmed COVID-19 cases in Southern Illinois, updated daily. Last updated: 6:40 p.m. Tuesday, July 7.

COVID-19 numbers in Southern Illinois

This information will be updated daily with the latest numbers from local health departments in Southern Illinois. The numbers reflect total lab-confirmed COVID-19 cases in each county, including deaths and recoveries. These numbers may differ slightly from the county numbers being reported by the Illinois Department of Public Health daily. Local health departments tend to have more current numbers than the state.

County	Total cases	Deaths	Recovered
Alexander	22	0	17
Franklin	37	0	16
Gallatin	4	0	2
Hamilton	7	0	4
Hardin	1	0	1
Jackson	338	19	299

County	Total cases	Deaths	Recovered
Jefferson	110	14	95
Johnson	21	0	18
Massac	14	0	8
Perry	59	1	46
Pope	1	0	1
Pulaski	79	0	53
Randolph	293	7	275
Saline	10	0	9
Union	193	18	127
Williamson	135	4	81
White	8	0	4

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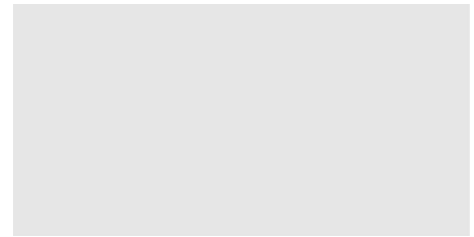
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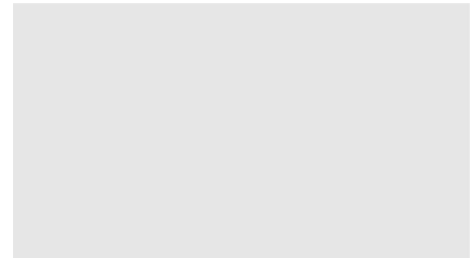
Illinois officials announced on Tuesday the largest single-day increase of novel coronavirus-caused deaths in the state.



Pulaski County reports 1st COVID-19 case as officials warn they may arrest people violating stay-home order

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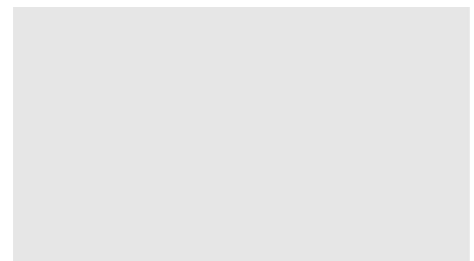
In response to repeated gatherings of crowds outside an apartment complex and convenience store, Pulaski County officials said they are prepar...



City of Marion furloughs 43 employees to reduce impact of COVID-19 closures

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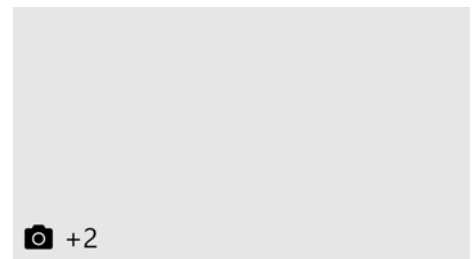
The City of Marion has furloughed more than 40 employees to curb revenue loss during the state's stay-at-home order designed to stem the spread of the COVID-19 virus.



Illinois Gov. Pritzker says COVID-19 rules unlikely to ease by April's end

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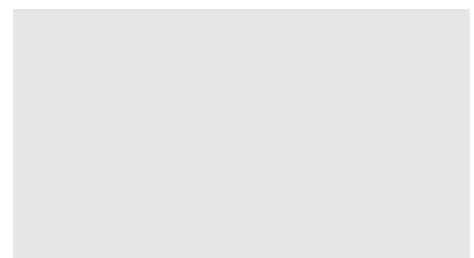
Gov. J.B. Pritzker said Thursday, one month since he issued a state of emergency, it is "unlikely" his stay-at-home order can be lifted safely before April 30 and organizers of large summer events "need to think seriously" about canceling them.



Illinois announces virtual mental, physical health services

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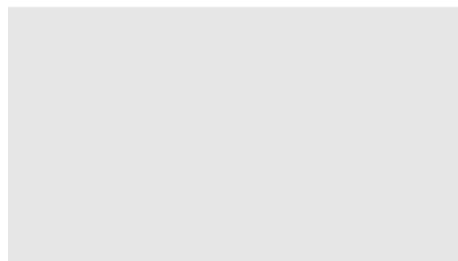
Gov. J.B. Pritzker's administration announced new initiatives Saturday to extend telehealth services and mental health support throughout the state to support people who are coping, either physically or mentally, with COVID-19.



In 2 weeks, 20 Manor Court residents, staff test positive for COVID-19; 4 residents have died

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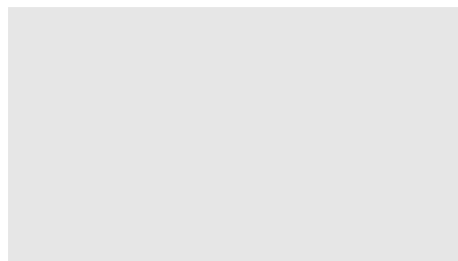
More than half of Jackson County's 36 confirmed COVID-19 cases are either residents or staff members of Manor Court, illustrating the effects of COVID-19's spread once inside long-term care facilities home to high-risk seniors.



3 Pulaski County detainees who tested positive last week for COVID-19 are in ICE custody

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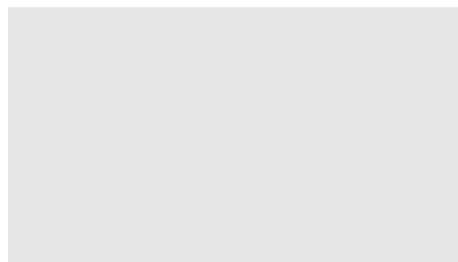
ULLIN — U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement confirmed that the three detainees at the Pulaski County Detention Center that have been diag...



Essential employees in Illinois guaranteed workers' compensation during pandemic

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The state reported Monday that new cases of COVID-19 in Illinois increased by more than 1,000 for the 8th straight day.



Illinois schools to remain closed for academic year as Pritzker says virus not yet at peak

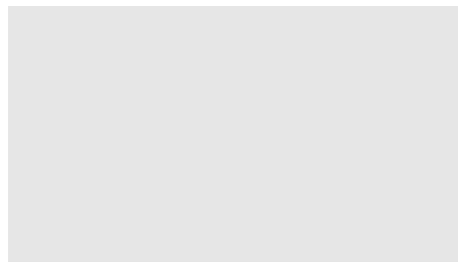
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Following the lead of nearby states, Gov. J.B. Pritzker on Friday announced Illinois' public and private schools will remain shuttered for the rest of the school year.

Southern Illinois senator advocates letting local health officials decide when to reopen businesses

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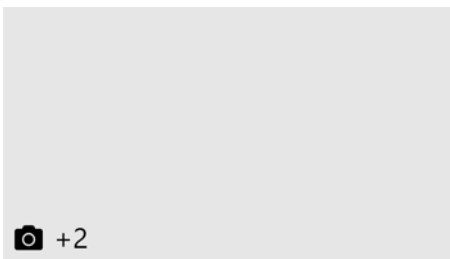
State Sen. Paul Schimpf is calling on Illinois Gov. J.B. Pritzker to loosen his stay-at-home order and give county health officials the power ...



Rural Randolph County has one of the highest COVID-19 infection rates in Illinois. Here's what happened.

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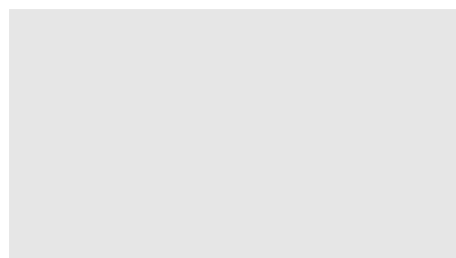
Randolph County has suffered one of the highest COVID-19 per-capita infection rates in Illinois, according to The Southern Illinoisan's analysis of Illinois Department of Public Health data.



31 more fatalities reported in Illinois Sunday; Pritzker salutes National Guard in daily briefing

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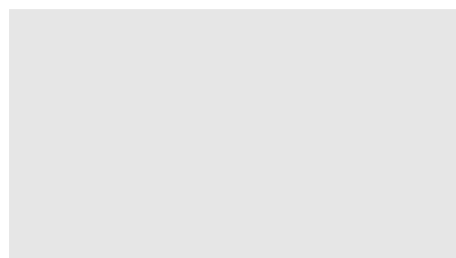
Illinois Gov. J.B. Pritzker praised the state's National Guard as he welcomed one of its units home and gave an update on personal protective equipment Sunday at his daily COVID-19 briefing in Chicago.



Jackson County reports 6th COVID-19-related death

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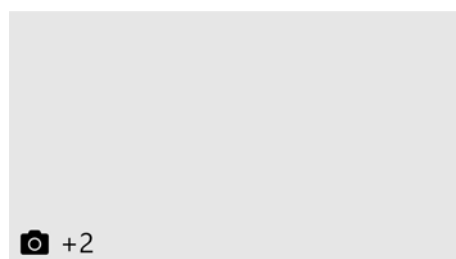
Jackson County on Monday reported an additional death due to COVID-19, bringing the county's total coronavirus death toll to six.



14 residents, 9 employees test positive for COVID-19 at GreenTree at Mt. Vernon

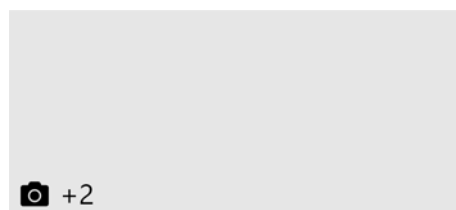
Apr 20, 2020

At GreenTree at Mt. Vernon, an assisted living and memory care facility, 14 residents and nine employees had tested positive for COVID-19 as of Monday morning, a company official said.



Pritzker: Illinois 'curve is bending the right way'

Apr 20, 2020



Illinois Gov. J.B. Pritzker said Monday that the spread of the novel coronavirus disease, COVID-19, is showing signs of slowing down and that the social distancing measures put in place have saved thousands of lives.

Another Jackson County resident dies after COVID-19 diagnosis, bringing county's death toll to 7

Apr 22, 2020

The Jackson County Health Department on Wednesday announced a woman in her 70s died after having been diagnosed with COVID-19.

SIH doctor gives tips for wearing masks, now required in Illinois

Apr 23, 2020

Illinois residents are required to wear masks in indoor public spaces starting May 1. An SIH doctor gave us some tips for wearing masks.

Illinois rents 10 refrigerated trailers as COVID-19 morgue contingency

Apr 23, 2020

Illinois has rented 10 refrigerated semitrailers to store the bodies of deceased COVID-19 patients in case morgues become filled to capacity.

Pritzker to extend stay-at-home order in Illinois with modifications starting May 1

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Gov. Pritzker announced Thursday he is extending Illinois' stay-at-home order through May 30 with certain modifications taking effect May 1, including opening up state parks, expanding essential businesses and requiring masks in public.



Jefferson County reports 3rd COVID-19 death

Apr 24, 2020

A third person has died in Jefferson County due to COVID-19.

Officials tight-lipped on Pulaski County Detention Center outbreak as detainees fear for their lives

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After initially reporting a small COVID-19 outbreak at an immigration detention center in Southern Illinois in early April, county officials and the health department have clammed up about the spread of the virus inside the facility, even as advocates say detainees have been left in the dark and are fearful for their lives.



Harrisburg considers proposal to open up retail in defiance of stay-at-home order

Apr 25, 2020

Harrisburg City Council on Tuesday will consider a proposal that would extend city permission to retail establishments to open to in-store customers, in direct opposition to the stay-home order Gov. Pritzker extended to May 30.



Illinois Gov. Pritzker highlights mental health needs as COVID-19 cases continue to rise

Apr 25, 2020

As residents of Illinois head into their sixth week under a stay-at-home order recently extended through May, Gov. J.B. Pritzker on Saturday highlighted the availability of mental health services for people experiencing stress and anxiety during the novel coronavirus pandemic.

Jefferson County announces 2 additional COVID-19 deaths

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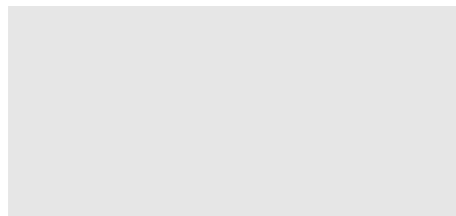
The Jefferson County Health Department on Tuesday announced two more county residents had died due to COVID-19.



Harrisburg council won't defy governor's stay-at-home order, encourages letter-writing campaign instead

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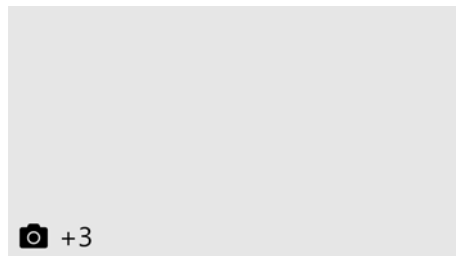
Harrisburg City Council decided not to defy Gov. J.B. Pritzker's stay-home order by allowing retailers and salons to open May 1 as Mayor John McPeck originally proposed. Instead, McPeck and the council opted for a softer approach.



Illinois' border city mayors speak out as businesses reopen across state lines

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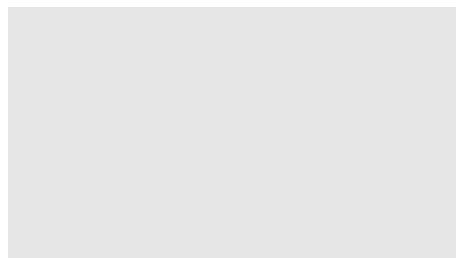
Some of Illinois' border city mayors are speaking out as businesses in their backyards — across state lines — are reopening while the same types of businesses in their towns must stay closed under Gov. Pritzker's stay-home order.



Governor reports COVID-19 outbreak at Anna Veterans' Home; Union County sees spike in cases

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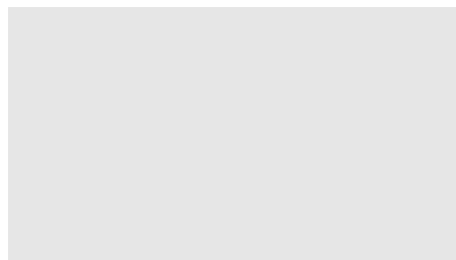
According to the Illinois Department of Public Health, the rate of infection in Union County is the highest downstate, behind only the counties of Cook, Lake and Kane in northern Illinois.



As more places begin to reopen Friday, Jackson County experiences COVID-19 spike

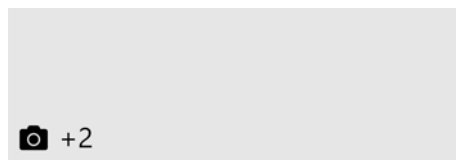
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As of Thursday, Jackson County is reporting 260 cases of COVID-19. Of the 65 new cases reported since May 21, two-thirds are tied to an outbreak at a Jackson County church that has been holding in-person services.

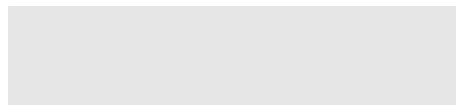


Pritzker: Illinois 'shouldn't have a second spike' of COVID-19 if safety rules are followed

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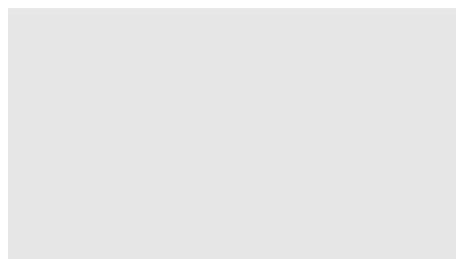
Pritzker said Illinois is on pace to enter the next phase of reopening after COVID-19 shutdowns later this month, and added he doesn't expect a second surge of the virus in the fall as long as safety guidelines are followed.



Illinois GOP sues Pritzker seeking exemption from 10-person limit

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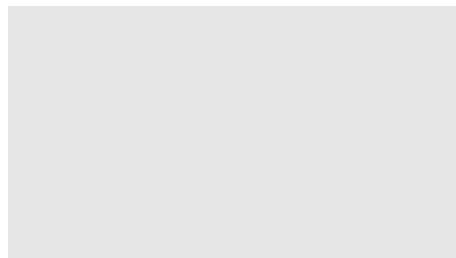
Illinois' Democratic governor was sued Monday by the state's Republican Party, which is seeking exemption from the 10-person limit on public gatherings in place to stem the spread of COVID-19.



Raoul tests positive for COVID-19; hospital bed use continues to decline

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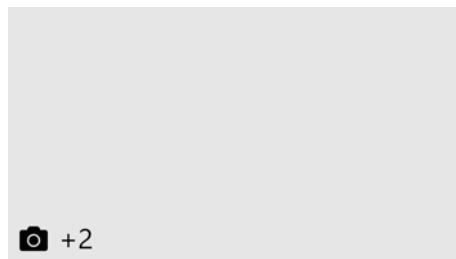
Illinois Attorney General Kwame Raoul has tested positive for COVID-19, his office announced in a news release Tuesday.



New guidelines released for return to in-person education in Illinois

Jun 23, 2020

Illinois released new guidelines for schools, colleges and universities to return to in-person learning in the fall, but leaders warned those plans could change if health metrics related to the COVID-19 pandemic stop improving.



COVID-19 update: Hospitalizations tick upward in Illinois as positivity rate remains low

Updated Jul 1, 2020

The state's hospital bed usage by COVID-19 patients ticked slightly upward Tuesday as the Illinois Department of Public Health announced another 725 confirmed cases and 23 COVID-19-related deaths.

