



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE – 07/04/2020

**Laclede County Health Department Announces
Nine New Laboratory Confirmed Positive COVID-19 Case(s)
Case #50 - #58**

LACLEDE COUNTY, MO – The Laclede County Health Department has received notification of nine (9) additional positive laboratory confirmed case(s) of COVID-19 in Laclede County. Our total is now fifty-seven (57) cases to date; thirty-seven (37) currently being monitored, and twenty (20) considered recovered. **A case previously reported (Case #26) has been identified as a resident of another county, and monitoring has been transferred to that county.** Our agency will not be releasing personal information, to protect the individuals' identity. Recommended testing of identified close contacts, and quarantine/isolation instructions have been provided. Daily monitoring of all active cases and close contacts will be completed for the quarantine/isolation period.

Due to the increasing number of cases on a daily basis; at this point forward, our agency will no longer be listing specific public location exposure sites; unless the exposure site is a large event and large crowds of attendees would have been exposed. This decision was delayed for as long as possible; unfortunately, we are to the point that continuing with site announcements is no longer practical. This is due to the number of current investigations and contact monitoring on a daily basis. It should be understood that at this point, any public activity should be considered a potential exposure risk, and all precautions need to be taken for your personal protection.

- Case #50 – Not Symptomatic
- Case #51 – Not Symptomatic
- Case #52 – Symptomatic
- Case #53 – Symptomatic
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- Case #56 – Symptomatic
- Case #57 – Symptomatic
- Case #58 – Not Symptomatic

Symptoms of COVID-19 illness may include: fever, cough, shortness of breath/difficulty breathing, chills, muscle pain, headache, sore throat, new loss of taste or smell. Anyone with concerns are advised to contact their healthcare provider for further directions. Protection for yourself and others include: proper/frequent handwashing, cleaning frequently used surfaces, staying at home when you are sick, avoiding contact with people who are sick, coughing/sneezing into tissues, wearing a mask when in public, not gathering in large groups, and maintaining a six (6) foot distance between yourself and another person.