



**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE – 07/06/2020**

**Laclede County Health Department Announces  
Eleven New Laboratory Confirmed Positive COVID-19 Case(s)  
Case #59 - #69**

LACLEDE COUNTY, MO – The Laclede County Health Department has received notification of eleven (11) additional positive laboratory confirmed case(s) of COVID-19 in Laclede County. Our total is now sixty-eight (68) cases to date; thirty-six (36) currently being monitored, and thirty-two (32) 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.

Case investigation information is as follows:

- Case #59 - #61
  - Symptomatic
  - Exposure – Out-of-State Travel, Household Contact to Positive Case
- Case #62
  - Symptomatic
  - Exposure – Camp Niangua (Youth Camp) / Niangua
- Case #63
  - Not Symptomatic
  - Contact to Positive Case
- Case #64
  - Symptomatic
  - Exposure – Lebanon First Assembly Church / Lebanon
- Case #65
  - Symptomatic
  - Exposure – Lebanon First Assembly Church / Lebanon
- Case #66
  - Symptomatic
  - No Known Public Exposure

- Case #67
  - Not Symptomatic
  - No Known Public Exposure
    - This individual has been identified as an employee or resident in a Long Term Residential Care Facility. All staff, residents and family contacts have been notified. The facility is working with Long Term Care Regulation to monitor and address this situation.
- Case #68
  - Symptomatic
  - Exposure – Lebanon Graduation Events
- Case #69
  - Symptomatic
  - Exposure – Out-of-State Travel

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.

It should be understood that with the current community illness spread, any public activity should be considered a potential exposure risk, and all precautions need to be taken for your personal protection.