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**Laclede County Health Department Announces
Eleven New Laboratory Confirmed Positive COVID-19 Case(s)
And One Probable Positive Case
Case #70 - #81**

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, and one (1) probable positive case. Our total is now eighty (80) cases to date; forty-two (42) currently being monitored, and thirty-eight (38) 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 #70
 - Symptomatic
 - Close Contact to Positive Case
 - No Public Exposure
- Case #71
 - Symptomatic
 - Close Contact to Positive Case
 - Public Exposure – Cross Creek Church / Lebanon (June 28th)
- Case #72 - #74
 - Symptomatic
 - Exposure - Lebanon Graduation Events
 - Public Exposure – Flag Ceremony at Laclede County Courthouse (July 2nd)
- Case #75
 - Symptomatic
 - Exposure - Lebanon Graduation Events
 - No Public Exposure
- Case #76
 - Not Symptomatic
 - Exposure - Lebanon Graduation Events
 - No Public Exposure

- Case #77
 - Symptomatic
 - Unknown Positive Exposure
 - No Public Exposure
- Case #78
 - Symptomatic
 - Household Contact to Positive Case
 - No Public Exposure
- Case #79
 - Symptomatic
 - Household Contact to Positive Case
 - No Public Exposure
- Case #80
 - Not Symptomatic
 - Close Contact to Positive Case
 - No Public Exposure
- Case #81
 - Not Symptomatic
 - Close Contact to Positive Case
 - No 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.

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.