



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE – 06/15/2020 – UPDATED 6:35 PM

**Laclede County Health Department Announces
Eleventh Laboratory Confirmed Positive COVID-19 Case**

LACLEDE COUNTY, MO – Near close of business today, the Laclede County Health Department received notification of our eleventh (11th) laboratory confirmed case of COVID-19 in a Laclede County resident. With this new case, our overall total is eleven (11) cases to date; three (3) currently being monitored, and eight (8) considered recovered. The newest case is not currently experiencing symptoms of the illness, is quarantined and being monitored at home. Our agency will not be releasing personal information, to protect the individuals' identity. We are working with these individuals to ensure they are following Missouri Department of Health & Senior Services (MoDHSS) and Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC) guidelines regarding quarantine/isolation.

After conducting the case investigation, close personal contacts have been identified. Those close contacts have been instructed to quarantine for the required timeframe, monitor for symptoms of COVID-19, and/or receive testing. "During the investigation, we learned this case has an affiliation to the recently reported seventy (70) positive cases at Fort Leonard Wood.", stated Charla Baker, Administrator of Laclede County Health Department. Identified possible public exposure locations to this newest case are as follows:

- June 12th (Approximately 12:00-1:00 PM) – Cantina Restaurant / Fort Leonard Wood
- June 12th (Approximately 12:00-1:00 PM) – Credit Union / Fort Leonard Wood
(Barriers in place, Masks used by both facility employee and customer)
- June 13th (Approximately 5:30-6:30 PM) – El Caporal Mexican Restaurant / Camdenton

Employees and customers, who may have been possibly exposed during this date/timeframe, should monitor for COVID-19 symptoms for 14 days from the date of exposure. Symptoms of COVID-19 illness may include: fever, cough, shortness of breath/difficulty breathing, chills, muscle pain, headache, sore throat, new loss of taste of smell. Anyone with concerns are encouraged to contact their healthcare provider for additional direction.

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.

The Laclede County Health Department has, and will continue to diligently monitor the COVID-19 situation as it continues to evolve. Our continued goal is the safety and protection of our public.