



**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE – 05/28/2020**

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

LACLEDE COUNTY, MO – After regular office hours today, the Laclede County Health Department received notification of the fourth (4<sup>th</sup>) positive laboratory confirmed case of COVID-19 in Laclede County. Health Department Administrator Charla Baker states, “While this is our fourth case, this current case differs from our other cases, as this individual does have symptoms of the COVID-19 illness. This individual acted quickly, and was tested shortly after symptoms began.” Our agency will not be releasing personal information, to protect the individuals’ identity. We are working with this individual to ensure they are following Missouri Department of Health & Senior Services (MoDHSS) and Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC) guidelines regarding quarantine/isolation.

A case investigation has been completed, identifying close personal and employment contacts. Those close contacts have been instructed to quarantine for the required timeframe, monitor for symptoms of COVID-19, and/or receive testing. This is being done to assist in the containment of the virus spread in our community. During the case investigation, the following locations were identified as sites where possible exposure to the public may have occurred.

Saturday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> (4:00 – 4:30 PM) – Walmart / Lebanon  
Saturday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> (5:30 – 6:00 PM) – Walmart / Camdenton  
Sunday, May 24<sup>th</sup> (4:00 – 10:30 PM) – Alford’s Bar/Pub / Lebanon  
Monday, May 25<sup>th</sup> (7:00 PM – 12:00 AM) Alford’s Bar/Pub / Lebanon

Employees and customers, who may have been possibly exposed during these dates/times, 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 about this possible exposure, or anyone with symptoms are advised to contact their healthcare provider for further directions.

As our cases continue to grow, Laclede County residents are reminded of the extreme importance to follow the CDC prevention measures. These 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.