



**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE – 06/10/2020**

**Laclede County Health Department Announces  
Ninth & Tenth Laboratory Confirmed Positive COVID-19 Cases**

LACLEDE COUNTY, MO – The Laclede County Health Department is announcing notification of two (2) additional positive cases of COVID-19. This brings our overall total to ten (10) cases to date; six (6) currently being monitored, and now four (4) considered recovered. The newest cases are experiencing symptoms of the illness, isolated 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.

The case investigations have been completed, identifying any close personal 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. These new cases were already being monitored for symptoms, as they had been identified as close contacts of a previously reported Laclede County case. Due to this, additional public exposure has been identified as very low. The only identified possible public exposure is as follows:

June 9<sup>th</sup> (Approximately 9:00-10:00 AM) – Walmart Pharmacy / Lebanon

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.