



**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE – 05/09/2020**

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

LACLEDE COUNTY, MO – The Laclede County Health Department has received notification of the second (2<sup>nd</sup>) positive laboratory confirmed case of COVID-19 in Laclede County. This second case is asymptomatic (not showing symptoms), was identified as a close contact to our first (1<sup>st</sup>) case, and had testing done once notified of their close contact to a positive case. 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 contacts and locations that the positive case visited. 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. While public exposure could be considered low risk, the following dates, timeframes and locations of the possible exposure are as follows:

- May 6<sup>th</sup> (2:00 – 3:00 PM) – Lebanon Main Post Office / Lebanon
- May 6<sup>th</sup> (5:30 – 6:30 PM) – King Cash Saver / Lebanon
- May 7<sup>th</sup> (11:45 AM – 12:45 PM) – Cornerstone Subs & Pizza / Lebanon
- May 7<sup>th</sup> (5:30 – 6:30 PM) – R&S Memorial Flowers / Lebanon Location
- May 7<sup>th</sup> (6:30 – 7:30 PM) – El Rancho / Lebanon

Employees and customers who may have been possibly exposed during these dates/time, 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 or smell.

Each of the businesses listed have been, or will be, contacted and instructed on sanitation and protection measures. Anyone with concerns about this possible exposure, or anyone with symptoms are advised to contact their healthcare provider for further directions.

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.