



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE – 06/17/2020

**Laclede County Health Department Announces
Two (12th & 13th) New Laboratory Confirmed Positive COVID-19 Cases**

LACLEDE COUNTY, MO – The Laclede County Health Department has received notification of two (2) additional positive laboratory confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Laclede County. Our total is now thirteen (13) cases to date; five (5) currently being monitored, and eight (8) considered recovered. These newest cases have mild symptoms, are household contacts to a previously announced 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.

The case investigations have been completed, identifying close contacts and locations that the positive cases 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 possible exposure are as follows:

June 13th (6:00 – 7:00 PM) – Bandana's BBQ / 1015 S. Jefferson Avenue, Lebanon

- Employees Wearing Masks

June 14th (3:00 – 4:00 PM) – Menards / 1015 Barred Owl Lane, Lake Ozark

- Protection Barriers Used, Employees Wearing Masks

Employees and customers who may have been possibly exposed during these dates/timeframes 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. Anyone with concerns about this possible exposure, or anyone with symptoms 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.

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.