



**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE – 07/16/2021**

**Laclede County Health Department Announces  
42 New Laboratory Confirmed Positive COVID-19 Case(s)  
Reported 07/15/2021 - 07/16/2021  
Case #3995 - #4036**

LACLEDE COUNTY, MO – The Laclede County Health Department has received notification of forty-two (42) additional positive laboratory confirmed case(s) of COVID-19 in Laclede County. Our total is now four-thousand-thirty-five (4035) cases to date; two-hundred-thirty-eight (238) currently being monitored, three-thousand-seven-hundred-twenty-one (3721) considered recovered, seventy-six (76) deaths, and multiple close contacts being monitored daily. Our agency will not be releasing personal information, to protect the individuals' identity. Recommended notification and testing of identified close contacts, and quarantine/isolation instructions have been provided. Monitoring of active cases and close contacts will be completed for the quarantine/isolation period, as appropriate.

**Case Investigation Summary**

- **Case #3995 - #4036**
  - **Total Symptomatic – 42**
  - **Total Asymptomatic (Not Having Symptoms) – 0**
  - **Identified as Close Contact to a Positive Case – 12**
  - **Identified as Household Contact to a Positive Case – 7**
  - **No Known Contact to Positive Case/Assumed Community Spread – 23**

**Vaccination Status of Cases #3995 - #4036**

- **Not Vaccinated – 39**
- **Not Vaccinated / Not Eligible (under age 12) – 3**
- **Vaccinated (1<sup>st</sup> Dose) – 0**
- **Vaccinated (1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Dose) – 0**
- **Breakthrough Cases (Requiring Hospitalization and/or Death) – 0**

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 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. Individuals are encouraged to consider being vaccinated for added protection against COVID-19. It should be understood that with the continued community illness spread, any public activity should be considered a potential exposure risk, and all precautions need to be taken for your personal protection.

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