



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE – 09/22/2021

**Laclede County Health Department Announces
14 New Laboratory Confirmed Positive COVID-19 Case(s)
Reported 09/22/2021
Case #5147 - #5160**

LACLEDE COUNTY, MO – The Laclede County Health Department has received notification of fourteen (14) additional positive laboratory confirmed case(s) of COVID-19 in Laclede County. Our total is now five-thousand-one-hundred-fifty-nine (5159) cases to date; one-hundred-sixty-one (161) currently being monitored, four-thousand-eight-hundred-seventy-eight (4878) considered recovered and one-hundred-twenty (120) deaths. Our agency will not be releasing personal information, to protect the individuals' identity. Quarantine and isolation instructions have been provided to the positive case, with recommendations to notify their close contacts. Monitoring of active cases will be completed for the quarantine/isolation period.

Case Investigation Summary

- **Case #5147 - #5160**
 - **Total Symptomatic – 14**
 - **Total Asymptomatic (Not Having Symptoms) – 0**
 - **Identified as Close Contact to a Positive Case – 3**
 - **Identified as Household Contact to a Positive Case – 3**
 - **No Known Contact to Positive Case/Assumed Community Spread – 8**

Vaccination Status of Cases #5147 - #5160

- **Not Vaccinated – 6**
- **Not Vaccinated / Not Eligible (under age 12) – 2**
- **Vaccinated (1st Dose) – 0**
- **Vaccinated (1st & 2nd Dose) – 6 (1: Moderna 5: Pfizer)**
- **Breakthrough Cases (Requiring Hospitalization and/or Death) – 0**
 - **To Date Total Breakthrough Cases Reported – 7: Moderna, 3: Pfizer, 2: J&J**
 - **To Date Total Breakthrough Cases / Confirmed Deaths – 4: Moderna, 1: Pfizer**

Included in the cases above: one (1) case identified as an employee or resident in a Long Term Residential Care Facility. All exposed staff, residents, and family/guardian contacts have been notified. The Facility is working with Long Term Case Regulation to monitor and address this situation.

Laclede County Positive Cases Associated with a School District:

- **Lebanon School District**
 - **High School – 25**

- Middle School – 4
- Maplecrest – 2
- Boswell – 3
- Esther Elementary – 4
- Joel E. Barber School District – 1
- Conway School District - 4
 - Ezard Elementary School – 3
 - Conway High School - 1

This is an accumulative total since the beginning of the 2021-2022 school year.

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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