



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE – 12/22/2021

**Laclede County Health Department Announces
72 New Laboratory Confirmed Positive COVID-19 Case(s)
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LACLEDE COUNTY, MO – The Laclede County Health Department has received notification of seventy-two (72) additional positive laboratory confirmed case(s) of COVID-19 in Laclede County. Our total is now five-thousand-nine-hundred-twenty-four (5924) cases to date and one-hundred-thirty-nine (139) deaths.

Laclede County Vaccination Status:

Initiated Vaccination: 38.5%

Completed Vaccination: 34.8%

Total COVID-19 Vaccination Doses Administered: 28,460

COVID-19 Positivity Rate:

Missouri: 13.2%

Laclede County: 11.5%

Symptoms of COVID-19 illness may include: fever, cough, shortness of breath/difficulty breathing, chills, muscle pain, headache, sore throat, fatigue, wheezing, 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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