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**Taney County Health Department Updates COVID-19 Numbers
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The Taney County Health Department (TCHD) is saddened to confirm the deaths of 9, previously unreported, Taney County residents due to COVID-19. Two individuals passed in the month of January, and five in the month of February. Two additional individuals passed in the month of July 2021. These deaths of Taney County residents occurred in other states delaying reconciliation.

The deaths include:

- 3 individuals in their 40's
- 1 individual in their 50's
- 2 individuals in their 60's
- 2 individuals in their 70's
- 1 individual in their 90's

The total of Taney County residents whose deaths can be attributed to COVID-19 is now 190.

TCHD announces COVID-19 deaths after the county of residence and the cause of death can be confirmed with both the Taney County Coroner's Office and the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services. As a result, Taney County death count updates may lag behind numbers announced by the state of Missouri.

TCHD continues to remind the community that vaccination is the best way to decrease the likelihood of getting a severe case of COVID-19. TCHD is encouraging everyone 5 years of age and older to get the COVID-19 vaccine. Practicing good hand hygiene and staying home when sick continues to be important in reducing the spread of the disease.

The TCHD-family continues to send its condolences to all those that have lost loved ones to COVID-19.

For more information, contact the Taney County Health Department at 417-334-4544, visit our website at www.taneycohealth.org, or like our FaceBook, Instagram and Pinterest pages.

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