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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### Coronavirus update

Although no cases have been identified in Missouri, local public health authorities are in direct contact with the Missouri State Department of Health and Senior Services (MO DHSS) regarding an outbreak of novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV) which has spread to the United States. The virus originated in Wuhan, China and is believed to be spread through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs or sneezes. According to the CDC, the risk of transmission in the United States remains low.

“Taney County Health Department (TCHD) is performing disease surveillance just as we would for any communicable condition. Because the symptoms of Coronavirus are similar to those of flu, we are asking people to take similar prevention measures to protect themselves and our community,” says Tiffany Bullock, Public Health Nurse for the Taney County Health Department. “We are in the middle of Norovirus and flu season and taking these precautions will help protect you from a variety of viral illnesses,” states Bullock.

Prevention measures include:

- While sick, limit your contact with others
- Stay home from work or school if you are sick
- Cover your nose and mouth when coughing or sneezing
- Wash your hands thoroughly with soap and water
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth

Unlike flu, there is no vaccine to prevent Coronavirus and no medicinal treatment for the disease exists at this time. “Our best recommendation is for community members to be diligent about hand washing and staying home if you are ill with a fever or cough, or if you develop shortness of breath. We don’t want community members to panic, but we do want them to be aware of this outbreak so we can be prompt in identifying potential cases,” Bullock said. If you believe you may have been exposed to the Coronavirus, please call your healthcare provider before you arrive. “It’s important that people who may be ill with the Coronavirus call their healthcare provider or the Emergency Department BEFORE arriving so the staff can prepare to implement some precautions to protect themselves and our community,” says Bullock.

The Taney County Health Department will continue to provide information regarding the Coronavirus to our community as it becomes available. If you have questions regarding this novel Coronavirus outbreak, you can contact the Taney County Health Department at 417-334-4544 Ext. 218.

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Local public health authorities are collaborating with community partners regarding the novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV) outbreak that originated in Wuhan, China. COVID-19 is the name of the disease caused by 2019-nCoV. According to the CDC, the risk of COVID-19 transmission in the U.S. remains low at this time. There have been no confirmed cases of COVID-19 reported in Missouri at the time of this writing.

The Taney County Health Department (TCHD) is working diligently to keep local health care providers and community partners up-to-date regarding COVID-19. “We are meeting weekly with our Communicable Disease, Environmental, and Emergency Response Teams to plan our next steps in this outbreak response effort,” states Tiffany Bullock, Public Health Nurse Specializing in Communicable Disease Investigation for the Taney County Health Department. “We want our community members to know that we are communicating daily with the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services (MO DHSS), and that MO DHSS is in direct communication with the CDC. The Department of Global Migration and Quarantine is monitoring travel from high risk areas. If a client were to travel to Missouri from those areas, we would be immediately notified,” states Bullock. The TCHD also encourages community members to take measures to protect themselves from viral illness.

Although the CDC does not recommend the use of facemasks for the **general U.S. public**, the CDC does recommend that people take everyday preventive actions to prevent the spread of respiratory viruses:

- While sick, limit contact with others.
- Cover your nose and mouth when you cough and sneeze.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth.
- Clean and disinfect surfaces and objects that may be contaminated.
- Wash your hands frequently with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap is not available, use an alcohol-based hand rub with at least 60% alcohol.

For the most current and accurate information regarding COVID-19, visit the CDC’s website at [www.cdc.gov/coronavirus](http://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus). If you are a business owner and want more information on keeping your employees safe and healthy go to <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/specific-groups/guidance-business-response.html>

If you have questions regarding COVID-19, please contact the Taney County Health Department at 417-334-4544.

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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**  
**What can I do to prevent the spread of COVID-19?**

There are no confirmed cases of 2019 novel coronavirus (COVID-19) in Taney County. There is one case in the state of Missouri, which is why preventing the spread of COVID-19 remains top-of-mind for the Taney County Health Department.

**What can I do to prevent the spread of COVID-19?** This is one of many questions staff at the Taney County Health Department have been answering for the past several weeks. “Just because this is a new virus doesn’t mean that the protection methods are new,” states Tiffany Bullock, Public Health Nurse Specializing in Communicable Disease Investigation for the Taney County Health Department. “Washing your hands, staying home if you are sick, covering your cough and sneeze, and avoiding touching your eyes, mouth, and nose are the best ways to protect you and your family from COVID-19.”

**Who is at a high risk of developing severe illness?** Older people (age 70+) and people with pre-existing medical conditions (such as high blood pressure, heart disease, lung disease, cancer or diabetes) appear to develop serious illness more often than others.

**I think I have COVID-19, what do I do?** Many common illnesses have the same symptoms as COVID-19 (coughing, fever, difficulty breathing) but if you have reason to think you have COVID-19, please call your doctor or your healthcare provider. Only a doctor can order a COVID-19 test. It’s very important you call before you head to their office if you think you have COVID-19 so protective steps can be put in place before your arrival.

**How long does COVID-19 survive on surfaces?** “This is something that is still under investigation,” states Ashton King, Environmental Health Specialist at Taney County Health Department, “but COVID-19 seems to behave like other coronaviruses and may survive on surfaces for a few hours, or up to several days. The best advice is to clean surfaces with an approved disinfectant regularly.” To see a list of disinfectants effective against COVID-19, visit the Taney County Health Department Facebook page or visit <https://www.americanchemistry.com/Novel-Coronavirus-Fighting-Products-List.pdf>

**How can I get reliable information about COVID-19?** Great question! Reliable information can be found on Taney County Health Department’s Facebook page. The Department of Health and Senior Services has recently opened a COVID-19 Information Hotline. This hotline is staffed by healthcare personnel 24/7 and will answer any questions regarding COVID-19. The number is: 1-877-435-8411. For more information, contact the Taney County Health Department at 417-334-4544 or 417-546-4725. Like us on Facebook.

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### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

Taney County Health Department COVID-19 Update  
March 16, 2020 11:00 am

There are no confirmed cases of 2019 novel coronavirus (COVID-19) in Taney County. There are 6 cases in the State of Missouri.

The CDC released new recommendations on March 15<sup>th</sup>, “In accordance with its guidance for large events and mass gatherings, the CDC recommends for the next 8 weeks, organizers (whether groups or individuals) cancel or postpone in-person events that consist of 50 people or more throughout the United States. Organizers should continually assess current conditions to determine whether to postpone, cancel, or significantly reduce the number of attendees (if possible) for mass gatherings.”

The recommendation goes on to state that, “Events of any size should only be continued if they can be carried out with adherence to guidelines for protecting vulnerable populations, hand hygiene, and social distancing. When feasible, organizers could modify events to be virtual.”

Vulnerable populations include:

- People over 60 years of age
- Those with chronic health conditions such as diabetes, lung disease, or heart disease
- People with a compromised immune system such as cancer patients

Hand hygiene

- Wash your hands often with soap and water
- Don't touch your face, eyes, nose, or mouth
- Cover your cough using your elbow or a tissue, remember to throw away the tissue immediately

Social Distancing

- Don't shake hands, hug, high five or fist bump another person
- Try to stay at least 6 feet away from others, especially if they are exhibiting symptoms
- Stay home if you are sick

The Taney County Health Department is encouraging our community to follow these guidelines to help to keep COVID-19 from spreading. For more information, contact the Taney County Health Department at 417-334-4544 or 417-546-4725. Updates are posted on our website and Facebook page.

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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

Confirmed case of COVID-19 traveled through Branson  
March 18, 2020 2:38 pm

A confirmed case of COVID -19 has recently traveled through the Branson area. On Thursday, March 5<sup>th</sup> this individual was known to have been at the Branson Landing.

Be assured that all pre-cautions are being taken to prevent the spread of COVID-19 in our area. If you were at the Branson Landing at anytime on Thursday, March 5<sup>th</sup>, please monitor yourself for the following symptoms:

- Fever of 100.4° or higher
- Cough
- Shortness of breath

If you have the above symptoms, please contact your primary healthcare provider. If you do not have a primary healthcare provider, Cox healthcare is providing virtual visits at <https://www.coxhealth.com/services/virtualvisits/>. Use the code "COVID".

If you have questions, please call the Taney County Health Department at 417-334-4544 or 417-546-4725. Like us on Facebook or checkout our website: [www.taneycohealth.org](http://www.taneycohealth.org) for more information on COVID-19.

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Taney County Health Department Temporarily Closes Forsyth Office  
Wednesday, March 18, 2020 11:30 am

As the news regarding 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) continues to change rapidly, the Taney County Health Department is also changing some of their normal operating procedures.

“Over the course of the last few weeks, we have been specifically reaching out to our community and businesses to share prevention tips to slow the transmission rates.” stated Lisa Marshall, Director of the Taney County Health Department. “It is now time that we take our own recommendations to ensure the health and safety of our staff and clientele.”

Following many lengthy discussions within the leadership team, the Taney County Health Department will move forward with these items:

- Temperature checks of staff, clientele and all visitors entering the building
- Effective Wednesday, March 18, 2020 the Forsyth office will be temporarily closed

Our phone options have changed as well. If you have a question regarding COVID-19, press 8. This will take you to other options specific to COVID-19. 1 is for medical questions, 2 is for disinfection information, 3 is for other questions regarding COVID-19.

If you do have a scheduled appointment, please call our office to confirm that your services will be available.

This is a fluid situation and is constantly changing, your patience and understanding is appreciated. For more information call: 417-334-4544 or 417-546-4725, check out our website: [www.taneycohealth.org](http://www.taneycohealth.org) or like us on Facebook

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### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Taney County Health Department is Strongly Encouraging Community to Practice Social Distancing  
March 19, 2020 12:00 pm

There are no confirmed cases of novel coronavirus (COVID-19) in Taney County. There are 24 confirmed cases in the state of Missouri. Taney County Health Department is strongly encouraging residents to practice social distancing.

“In order to help contain the spread of the coronavirus, the Taney County Health Department (TCHD) is strongly encouraging people to limit gatherings to no more than 10 people” said Lisa Marshall, Director of the Taney County Health Department. “We also want people to practice President Trumps, 15 days to slow the spread Coronavirus Guidelines for America.”

President Trump has issued guidelines for the next 15 days to help slow the spread of COVID-19. They include:

- Listen to and follow the directions of your **STATE AND LOCAL AUTHORITIES**.
- **IF YOU FEEL SICK**, stay home. Do NOT go to work. Contact your medical provider.
- **IF YOUR CHILDREN ARE SICK**, keep them at home. Do NOT send them to school. Contact your medical provider.
- **IF SOMEONE IN YOUR HOUSEHOLD HAS TESTED POSITIVE** for the coronavirus, keep the entire household at home. Do NOT go to work. Do NOT go to school. Contact your medical provider.
- **IF YOU ARE AN OLDER PERSON**, stay at home and away from other people.
- **IF YOU ARE A PERSON WITH A SERIOUS UNDERLYING HEALTH CONDITION**, that can put you at increased risk (ie a condition that impairs your lung or heart function or weakens your immune system), stay home away from other people.

Even if you are young and healthy, you can do your part to slow the spread of COVID-19.

- Work or engage in schooling **FROM HOME**.
- **AVOID SOCIAL GATHERINGS** in groups of 10 or more.
- Avoid eating or drinking in bars, restaurants, and food courts. **USE DRIVE-THRU, PICKUP, OR DELIVERY OPTIONS**.
- **AVOID DISCRETIONARY TRAVEL**, shopping trips, and social visits.
- **DO NOT VISIT** nursing homes or retirement or long-term care facilities unless it is to provide critical assistance.
- **PRACTICE GOOD HYGIENE** (ie wash your hands, avoid touching your face, sneeze or cough into a tissue or the inside of your elbow, disinfect frequently used items as much as possible).

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### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Taney County Health Department (TCHD) Encourages Returning Spring Break Travelers to Self-Quarantine for 14 Days  
March 20, 2020 10:00 am

The Taney County Health Department (TCHD) is advising people who have travelled outside our area to self-quarantine for 14 days. Individuals should stay home, avoid contact with others, and monitor for symptoms. Symptoms include: fever, cough, and shortness of breath. If a traveler should have any of these symptoms, please contact your healthcare provider. TCHD recognizes that this may be a hardship for some but is essential to preventing the spread of COVID-19 in our community.

We have had many questions about what the difference is between quarantine and isolation, and social distancing. Here are the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) definitions of each:

**Quarantine:** Separates and restricts the movement of people who may have been exposed to a contagious disease to **SEE** if they become sick. The quarantine period for COVID-19 is 14 days.

**Isolation:** Separates sick people with a contagious disease from people who are not sick. Sick individuals should restrict themselves to one room to avoid infecting others in their household. All areas they come into contact with should be routinely disinfected according to the directions on the container. A list of disinfectants approved for COVID-19 is on the TCHD website.

**Social Distancing:** The act of deliberately increasing the physical space between people to avoid spreading illness. This includes not going places with other people. If you must be around others, stay a minimum of 6 feet apart.

TCHD is strongly encouraging residents to follow President Trump's 15 Days to Slow the Spread Guidelines [Coronavirus.gov](https://www.coronavirus.gov)

The TCHD applauds the City of Branson for passing an ordinance and Hollister for declaring a state of emergency to keep gatherings to no more than 10 people including bars and restaurants.

For more information, call our office at 417-334-4544 or 417-546-4725. Checkout our website [www.taneycohealth.org](http://www.taneycohealth.org) Like and share our information on Facebook

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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

Taney County Health Department Confirms First Case of COVID-19  
March 23, 2020 10:45 am

The Taney County Health Department (TCHD) announces the first confirmed case of Coronavirus (COVID-19) in Taney County. A full disease investigation is underway by TCHD staff, and patient information will not be released to protect the privacy of the individual.

“We know this is a travel related case,” States Lisa Marshall, Director of the Taney County Health Department. “The disease investigation indicates no known exposure in the community as the individual and household have self-quarantined since arriving back in the community.”

TCHD staff are working with the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services and will continue providing the most up to date information regarding the COVID-19 pandemic.

“The individual who tested positive has been notified and is currently following isolation guidelines,” said Tiffany Bullock, Public Health Nurse Specializing in Communicable Disease Investigation for the Taney County Health Department.

TCHD continues to strongly recommend the community follow President Trump’s 15 Days to Slow the Spread initiative and follow social distancing guidelines. Prevention for individuals also continues to be important to combat this illness in our community: wash your hands, avoid gatherings of more than 10 people, and stay home as much as possible. TCHD also recommends those returning from travel outside the community self-quarantine for 14 days to prevent to spread of COVID-19.

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### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

FAQ's to the Taney County Health Department  
March 24, 2020 11:00 am

As the COVID-19 cases increase state wide the Taney County Health Department (TCHD) is working hard to answer your questions with up-to-date and accurate information.

Here are a few of the questions we have received:

**How many tests is the TCHD doing on a daily basis?** The health department is not doing any testing in-house. Testing must be ordered by a physician, and then the physician will refer the patient to a testing site. If you are having symptoms (fever, cough, shortness of breath) please call your healthcare provider. CoxHealth is offering virtual visits at [coxhealth.com/services/virtualvisits/](https://coxhealth.com/services/virtualvisits/). If the physician determines that you need to be tested, they will give you instructions on how to proceed.

**Taney County just had a confirmed case...now what?** The communicable disease team at TCHD will do a disease investigation to determine where the individual traveled and who may have been exposed. People who may have been exposed will be contacted by TCHD or an epidemiologist from the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services. These investigations take time and are a collaborative effort; your patience is appreciated.

**Only older people are at risk of contracting COVID-19 right? EVERYONE** is at risk of getting COVID-19, not just those in the 60+ age range. Please remember that your decisions can and are affecting others' lives right now. Many younger adults and families are returning from spring break. If you have traveled outside of the area, the TCHD strongly encourages you to self-quarantine for 14 days.

**What can I do to help stop the spread of COVID-19?** It is important that everyone practice physical distancing. The cities of Branson, Hollister and Forsyth ALL have ordinances or declarations in place that need to be adhered to. Currently you are required to NOT gather in groups of 10 or more, and keep at least 6 feet between each person. Refrain from gathering in restaurants and bars by using drive thrus, curbside pick-up or delivery.

**How long will this pandemic go on?** No one knows for sure. We can all do our part to slow the spread of COVID-19 by listening to and following the directions of state and local government. Actions like physical distancing, hand hygiene, staying home if you are sick, and covering your cough and sneeze will help this pandemic to end sooner.

**How can I keep up with the latest information?** Please like and share the Taney County Health Department Facebook page, be sure to check our website at [www.taneycohealth.org](http://www.taneycohealth.org) or call us at 417-334-4544 or 417-546-4725.

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#### The Taney County Health Department Encourages Community Members to Stay Home

Taney County had its first confirmed case of COVID-19 this week. To help prevent the spread of this disease, the health department is strongly encouraging the community to stay home.

“The best thing that residents of any community can do is stay home!” said Lisa Marshall, Director of the Taney County Health Department (TCHD). “This is a highly contagious disease and we can’t stress enough about the importance of staying home and avoiding close contact with others.”

The American Medical Association (AMA), American Hospital Association (AHA), and American Nurses Association (ANA) wrote an open letter to the American people calling on everyone to stay at home to reduce the spread of COVID-19. Physicians and other health professionals are in dire need of people to remain home during this time. When people stay home, it can help prevent hospitals from becoming overwhelmed with a spike in patients. “Physical distancing and staying at home are the key to slowing the spread of COVID-19 to give healthcare providers and those on the frontlines a fighting chance at having the equipment, time and resources necessary to take on this immense challenge,” the letter says.

As states, counties and cities are slowly moving toward implementing important measures to keep people at home to reduce the spread of COVID-19, there is a growing need for everyone to understand the importance of staying home. “When people choose not to follow social distancing recommendations, it means that the virus can continue to spread.” states Lisa Marshall, “That’s why we are urging the public to stay home, and help slow the spread of COVID-19.”

If you have questions regarding COVID-19, please call the Missouri Novel Coronavirus Hotline at 877-435-8411.

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### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

Taney County Health Department Confirms Second Case of COVID-19  
March 28, 2020 10:30 am

The Taney County Health Department (TCHD) is currently investigating the second positive case of COVID-19 in Taney County. This is not a travel associated case and all known contacts have been notified by TCHD and are in a 14-day quarantine as a precautionary measure. TCHD believes the community risk to be low at this time as the individual self-quarantined at the onset of symptoms.

“The individual who tested positive has been notified and is currently following isolation guidelines,” said Tiffany Bullock, Public Health Nurse Specializing in Communicable Disease Investigation for the Taney County Health Department.

Prevention for individuals continue to be important to combat COVID-19 in our community: wash your hands, avoid gatherings of more than 10 people, stay home if you’re sick, and practice social distancing. TCHD continues to encourage everyone to stay home unless leaving for necessities such as food or medications.

“Every single person in our community has a responsibility to help slow the spread of COVID-19,” states Lisa Marshall, Director of the Taney County Health Department. “Everyone should be staying home, unless leaving for necessities, such as food or medication. All proactive and preventive measures we take now will help reduce the number of COVID-19 cases in the long run.”

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Taney County Health Department Investigates Case of COVID-19 in Healthcare Worker  
March 30, 2020 9:00 am

The Taney County Health Department (TCHD) is currently partnering with the Christian County Health Department on the investigation of a Christian County resident testing positive for COVID-19. The individual is a healthcare employee at the CoxHealth Heart Center, a stand-alone clinic in Branson. All close contacts have been notified and the individual is in isolation at this time.

“Our primary concern is the health and safety of the community,” states Lisa Marshall, Director of the Taney County Health Department. “We are working closely with CoxHealth and the Christian County Health Department to ensure all precautionary measures are taken to protect clinic staff and patients, and the community.”

Symptoms of COVID-19 include cough, fever, and shortness of breath. Prevention continues to be the best way to slow the spread of COVID-19. Prevention for individuals includes; wash your hands, avoid gatherings of 10 or more, stay home if you are sick, and social distancing. TCHD continues to strongly urge everyone to stay home unless leaving for necessities such as food or medication.

For additional COVID-19 information, visit [www.taneycohealth.org](http://www.taneycohealth.org), or like us on Facebook and Instagram for daily updates.

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Greene County Resident who visited local theater tests positive for COVID-19  
March 31, 2020 4:00 pm

The Communicable Disease Investigation Team at the Taney County Health Department (TCHD) has been notified that a Greene County resident who visited the Branson area has tested positive for COVID-19. This individual was symptomatic while attending the Branson Praisefest event held at the Mansion Theatre and was seated in the upper right balcony.

“The team has started an investigation to determine who may have been exposed,” states Tiffany Bullock Public Health Nurse Specializing in Communicable Disease Investigation for TCHD. “The person has given us an itinerary of where they were March 12<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>. If you were at any of these places on those dates and times and have developed symptoms of COVID-19 (fever, cough, difficulty breathing), please contact your healthcare provider.

Below is a copy of the individual’s itinerary:

**Thursday, March 12, 2020**

**5:00 pm: shopped at The Copper Coin at the Grand Village Shops**  
**6:15 - 10:15 pm: attended Branson Praisefest at the Mansion Theatre**

**Friday, March 13, 2020**

**5:00 pm: dined in at Hardee's in Branson West**  
**6:15 pm - 10:15 pm: attended Branson Praisefest at the Mansion Theatre**

**Saturday, March 14, 2020**

**8:45 am: dined in at Hardee's in Branson West**  
**10:00 am: attended Branson Praisefest at the Mansion Theatre**  
**12:00 pm: shopped at Coleman Outlet store and Leather Trading Co on Gretna Rd in Branson**

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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

Taney County Health Department Working with Arkansas State Department of Health to  
Investigate Second Case of COVID-19 in Healthcare Worker  
April 1, 2020 2:00 pm

The Taney County Health Department (TCHD) is currently partnering with the Arkansas State Department of Health on the investigation of an Arkansas resident who tested positive for COVID-19. The individual is a healthcare employee at the CoxHealth Heart Center, a stand-alone clinic in Branson. The clinic is currently closed, and the individual is in isolation at this time.

If you visited the CoxHealth Heart Center on Hwy 248 in Branson, MO during the week of March 23rd, you should monitor for the signs and symptoms of COVID-19. Symptoms of COVID-19 include fever, cough, and difficulty breathing. If you develop these symptoms, please isolate at home and call your healthcare provider.

Prevention for individuals includes; wash your hands, avoid gatherings of 10 or more, stay home if you are sick, and social distancing. TCHD continues to strongly urge everyone to stay home unless leaving for necessities such as food or medication.

For additional COVID-19 information, call 417-334-4544, visit [www.taneycohealth.org](http://www.taneycohealth.org), or like us on Facebook and Instagram for daily updates.

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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

Third Case of COVID-19 Confirmed in Taney County  
April 2, 2020 12:00 pm

The Taney County Health Department (TCHD) is currently investigating the third positive case of COVID-19 in Taney County. The individual who tested positive has been notified and is currently following isolation guidelines "This is a domestic travel related case and all known contacts have been notified by TCHD and are under a 14-day quarantine as a precautionary measure", states Tiffany Bullock, Public Health Nurse Specializing in Communicable Disease Investigation for the Taney County Health Department. TCHD believes the community risk to be low at this time, as the individual self-quarantined at the onset of symptoms.

Prevention for individuals continue to be important to combat COVID-19 in our community: wash your hands, avoid gatherings of more than 10 people, stay home if you're sick, and do not leave your home for nonessential activities.

"Taney County residents need to be taking all precautions at this point in time to reduce the spread of COVID-19," states Lisa Marshall, Director of TCHD. "We cannot stress enough the importance of staying home unless you absolutely need to leave for essential necessities, such as food or medication, or essential work."

If you have been quarantined or isolated in your home due to COVID-19 you need to stay in your home.

- Do not leave your home. By staying at home you are doing your part to protect the health of your community.
- Reach out to family and friends or use delivery services if you need essential supplies, to prevent the spread of COVID-19.
- If you are living with someone who has been quarantined or isolated, ensure they remain in a separate room and do not have physical contact with them.

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### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

April 3, 2020 8:00 pm

### **First COVID-19 Related Death Reported in Taney County**

The Taney County Health Department announces the first death from COVID-19 in Taney County. The man was in his 70's and had underlying health conditions. The death is included in Taney County's total case count, which has reached five cases of COVID-19 as of this time.

"We are heartbroken to announce the first death in our county from COVID-19," Said Lisa Marshall, Director of the TCHD. "We want to express our sincerest condolences to the patient's family and loved ones."

Marshall went on to state, "This is a time for each community member to take social responsibility to keep COVID-19 from spreading. Please stay home unless you need essentials such as medication or food or you are an essential worker and must go to work."

Signs and symptoms of COVID-19 include fever, cough, and shortness of breath. Please contact your healthcare provider or CoxHealth Virtual Visits for testing options.

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### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Taney County Health Department Announces Two New Cases of COVID-19  
April 3, 2020 3:30 pm

The Taney County Health Department (TCHD) announces two new cases of COVID-19 bringing the total to 5 in Taney County. TCHD continues to urge the community to take preventive measures such as staying at home unless leaving for necessities, practicing good hand hygiene, and to continue social distancing. If you have symptoms of COVID-19, including fever, cough, and shortness of breath, contact your healthcare provider or the CoxHealth Virtual Visit. Only a healthcare provider can refer you for testing.

“This is a time for each community member to take social responsibility in keeping COVID-19 from spreading. States Lisa Marshall Director of TCHD, “We can’t stress enough the importance of prevention measures to keep COVID-19 from spreading. Please stay home unless you need essentials such as medication or food, or you are an essential worker and must go to work.”

Other important reminders are to stay in your home if you have been quarantined or isolated. By staying home, you are doing your part to protect the community from the spread of COVID-19. Utilize grocery delivery services or have a friend or family member drop essential supplies off at the doorstep. If you are living with someone under isolation or quarantine, ensure they remain in a separate room.

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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

Sixth Confirmed Case of COVID-19 in Taney County  
April 4, 2020 8:30pm

The Taney County Health Department (TCHD) announces the sixth case of COVID-19 in Taney County. The individual is a contact of another confirmed case of COVID-19 in Taney County. All those in close contact with the individual have been notified. At this time, the risk to the community is determined to be low due to the individuals limited contact in the community.

Preventive measures are the best way protect you and your loved ones from COVID-19. Preventive measures include staying at home, unless leaving for necessities such as food or medical needs, social distancing, and practicing good hand hygiene. Per new CDC guidelines, additional measures include wearing a non-medical face mask in public settings where other social distancing measures are difficult to maintain, such as grocery stores or pharmacies, and especially in areas of significant community-based transmission.

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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

April 6, 2020 4:30 pm

**Taney County Announces Two New Cases of COVID-19 Bringing the Total to Eight**

Taney County Health Department (TCHD) announces two new cases of COVID-19 bringing the total number of cases to 8. To protect the patients' right to privacy, identifying information will not be provided. TCHD's Communicable Disease Investigation Team is working to contact residents who may have had contact with the individuals.

"Although one of these cases is related to domestic travel, we want our residents to know that we are seeing community spread of COVID-19," said Lisa Marshall, Director of the TCHD, "We want to remind residents to follow preventive guidelines, including staying at home as mandated by the governor." For frequently asked questions about the mandate click here:

<https://governor.mo.gov/stay-home-missouri-order-guidance-and-frequently-asked-questions>

TCHD also wants to remind you to wear a facemask when out in public, wash your hands frequently, and practice physical distancing.

Another reminder from TCHD - if you have a scheduled appointment for any service, please call before coming to your appointment. Clients who are screened and found to have a fever will be asked to reschedule their appointments.

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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

COVID-19 Case Update from Taney County  
4.9.2020 2:00 pm

The Taney County Health Department (TCHD) would like to update the community on the recent COVID-19 cases in Taney County. On April sixth, TCHD reported eight confirmed cases of COVID-19. Upon investigation of the eighth case, it was later discovered the individual's primary residence was not in Taney County and the case was attributed to a different county.

"Taney County is currently at seven confirmed cases, including one death, and one recovered from COVID-19," states Lisa Marshall Director of TCHD. "We want to let the community know that the Communicable Disease Team is working hard to investigate each case and provide as much information as they are legally able."

The staff at TCHD thanks the community for their efforts in complying with the state mandate, physical distancing guidelines and good hand hygiene practices. Continuing this mitigation process will help to flatten the curve and lead to a faster community recovery.

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### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

Taney County Health Department Confirms 8<sup>th</sup> Case of COVID-19  
April 15, 2020 1:00 pm

The Taney County Health Department (TCHD) has confirmed the eighth case of COVID-19. Currently Taney County has eight confirmed cases total with three recovered and one death.

“This individual was a contact of a previous case,” stated Lisa Marshall, Director of the TCHD. “We are aware this individual traveled within the community while symptomatic, making it difficult to know exactly who they had contacted. Due to community exposure, we are encouraging everyone visiting the identified locations and showing symptoms of COVID-19 to contact their primary care physician.”

TCHD is mandated by the Department of Health and Human Services to protect health information about cases that arise in Taney County. The information that can be released is very limited. Case location, other than the county, is information TCHD is NOT allowed to release. TCHD will release locations where a case has visited if there is a potential for community exposure.

As part of TCHD’s duty to protect the public’s health we are sharing the following information about potential community exposure. People who were at the locations below are at low risk for contracting COVID-19, but should monitor for symptoms.

If you visited any of these places during this time frame, please monitor for symptoms of COVID-19 for 14 days following the potential date of exposure.

April 6<sup>th</sup>: Menard’s in Hollister between 6:15 pm and 7:00 pm.

April 11<sup>th</sup>: Dollar General and Harter House in Hollister between 2:00 pm and 6:00 pm.

April 12<sup>th</sup>: Branson Landing between 4:00 pm and 5:30 pm. The individual walked the Landing Promenade but did not go into any stores.

The TCHD wants to remind those who may have been exposed to monitor for symptoms such as fever, cough and shortness of breath. All individuals known to have been exposed to someone with COVID-19 are contacted by TCHD and told to self-quarantine at home for at least 14 days. Seeking necessary medical attention is the only permitted reason to leave home during a self-quarantine provided they contact their healthcare provider before arriving so proper precautions can be taken.

“I just want to remind the community that eighty percent of those that test positive for COVID-19 have minor symptoms.” Says Tiffany Bullock, Public Health Nurse Specializing in Communicable Disease Investigation for TCHD. “Please continue to follow social distancing guidelines and if you have been asked to self-quarantine by the TCHD, do not go out for any reason except to seek medical attention.”

Now more than ever we need to continue to stay at home, wash our hands, and practice good social distancing as a way to prevent the spread of COVID-19

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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

Taney County Health Department Announces Ninth Case of COVID-19  
4.18.2020 11:30 am

The Taney County Health Department (TCHD) announces the ninth case of COVID-19 in Taney County. The individual is a contact of a previous Taney County case and was under quarantine at home. At this time there is no known risk to the community as the individual followed quarantine instructions.

“The individual followed quarantine instructions and did not have any known contacts in the community,” states Lisa Marshall, TCHD Director. “This is a great example of how we all have a responsibility to protect the public and following the appropriate precautions is essential.”

Those asked to quarantine should only leave their home to seek medical attention, and should not be leaving for essential items such as food. These individuals are encouraged to use delivery services, or have friends and family leave items at their doorstep. TCHD continues to encourage everyone to wear facemask when in public to protect the community. Staying at home, unless leaving for essential items, is still the best practice at this point in time.

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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

Tenth COVID-19 Case Confirmed in Taney County  
4.23.2020 4:00 pm

The Taney County Health Department (TCHD) has confirmed the tenth case of COVID-19 in Taney County. Those that came into close contact with the individual are being notified by the health department, the general public's exposure risk is considered minimal at this time.

"TCHD continues to encourage anyone showing symptoms of COVID-19 to get tested," states Lisa Marshall, TCHD Director. "We have plenty of testing resources in our community and they are currently free through the Mobile Testing Unit."

Covid-19 symptoms include:

- High fever
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Chills
- Muscle pain
- Headache
- Sore throat

Please contact your healthcare provider to be screened for COVID-19 testing, or schedule a free virtual visit at [coxhealth.com](http://coxhealth.com) using the code "COVID".

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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

Taney County Health Department Offers Free COVID-19 Testing for 400  
4.25.2020 2:00 pm

The Taney County Health Department (TCHD) is offering free COVID-19 testing to 400 individuals in Stone and Taney Counties. Individuals do not have to be symptomatic or have had any exposure risks to register. Any Missouri resident is eligible for testing and must register at <https://redcap.link/mocovidcctesting> to receive a free COVID-19 test. Participants will be able to select from available time slots and will receive further instructions after completing their registrations. Pre-registration is required.

Taney County has been selected by the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services to participate in a point-in-time COVID-19 count. TCHD, Stone County Health Department, and Mobile Testing Unit partners, including Cox Medical Center Branson, the City of Branson, Jordan Valley Community Health, and Mercy, will conduct 400 COVID-19 tests to Stone and Taney County residents.

COVID-19 testing schedule is as follows;  
Monday, April 27, 2020 from 9am to 5pm  
Tuesday, April 28, 2020 from 8am to 5pm  
Wednesday, April 29, 2020 from 8am to 5pm

Interested individuals must register online to qualify.

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Taney County Health Department Confirms Eleventh COVID-19 Case  
April 29, 2020 3:00 pm

The Taney County Health Department (TCHD) has confirmed the eleventh case of COVID-19 in a Taney County resident. The individual is a Taney County resident that is currently working and living outside the county. The individual has had no contact within the county and there is no known risk to the community at this time.

"We are working closely with the collaborating health department on this case," states Tiffany Bullock, Communicable Disease Coordinator for TCHD. "The TCHD Communicable Disease Team has completed our part of the investigation and has determined that there has been no risk of transmission within our community."

TCHD continues to encourage those with COVID-19 symptoms to seek testing. COVID-19 symptoms include:

- High fever
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Chills
- Muscle pain
- Headache
- Sore throat

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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

Taney County Health Department COVID-19 Case Updates  
May 1, 2020 3:00 pm

The Taney County Health Department (TCHD) confirms the second COVID-19 related death. The individual was a female in her 80's with underlying health conditions and was a close contact to another confirmed Taney County case. The individual had minimal contact in the community, and risk of transmission to the general public is considered low at this time.

Taney County's twelfth case of COVID-19 is not associated with any other known COVID-19 cases. Those in close contact with the individual are being notified by TCHD and will be asked to quarantine. The individual visited the locations listed below.

April 25th in the afternoon - Cash Saver in Theodosia  
April 25th in the afternoon - ACE Hardware Store in Theodosia  
April 22nd, 23rd, 24th, and 27th in the afternoon - Pioneer Store in Protom

Anyone who visited these locations during the indicated timeframe should monitor for symptoms of COVID-19 for 14 days following the date of potential exposure. If they develop COVID-19 symptoms, they should call their primary care physician. COVID-19 symptoms include;

- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fever
- Chills
- Repeated shaking with chills
- Muscle pain
- Headache
- Sore throat
- New loss of taste or smell

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### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Taney County Health Department Tests 340 for COVID-19  
5.4.2020 330 pm

The Taney County Health Department (TCHD) collaborated with a team of community partners to test 340 people last week for COVID-19. The Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services selected Taney County to participate in a point-in-time COVID-19 test count. All of these test results have been received, and all test results were negative.

“This is a public health win.” States Lisa Marshall Director of the TCHD “Prevention is what public health is all about and this is a great example. Community leaders and residents have done well in following public health guidelines in regard to closing down early and social distancing and that has made all the difference.”

The TCHD would like to thank the following partners for their assistance in the test site set-up and operation: Taney County Mobile Testing Unit partners, including Cox Medical Center Branson, the City of Branson, Jordan Valley Community Health, and Mercy, as well as the Stone County Health Department.

We want to remind those of you who have been tested to create your MyQuest Profile so that you have access your test results.

1. Sign up for MyQuest at [MyQuest.QuestDiagnostics.com](https://MyQuest.QuestDiagnostics.com) or download the MyQuest App.
2. Check your email for a message from Quest. Click the link to confirm your email address.
3. Log in to your MyQuest account using the username and password you chose when you signed up.
4. Select the "Verify Your Identity" option. Accept the Patient Authorization (HIPPA Authorization).
5. Complete the Identity Verification Process.
6. You're set. You will now get your Quest Diagnostics test results through your MyQuest account.

\*\*\*Steps 1-5 must be completed to receive your results and the following information associated with your MyQuest account must match the information you provided for this testing: name, date of birth, full address, and your 10-digit phone number.\*\*\*

If you are unable to create an account, or have not gotten your test results, please reach out to Quest at (866) 697-8378.

The Taney County Health Department strongly recommends that our community members continue to follow social distancing guidelines:

- Wear a mask when in public
- Wash hands for 20 seconds
- Stay 6’ away from others
- Stay home if you are sick
- Disinfect frequently touched surfaces

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Taney County Health Department Confirms 13<sup>th</sup> Case of COVID-19  
May 26, 2020

The Taney County Health Department (TCHD) has confirmed the 13<sup>th</sup> case of COVID-19 in Taney County. This case is community spread, and the individual had no connection to a previous case. This individual did not go into the community while symptomatic and the risk of spread is low at this time.

“The fact that this case is community spread means that the virus is in the community,” states Lisa Marshall, Director of TCHD, “It also means that people need to take precautions when out in the community to avoid the spread of the virus.”

TCHD continues to encourage the community to:

- Maintain six feet distance between people not in your household
- Wear a mask in public
- Wash your hands
- Cover your cough
- Stay home if you are sick

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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

Keeping Taney County Open is a Social Responsibility  
May 19, 2020

As businesses in Taney County begin to reopen, the Taney County Health Department (TCHD) would like to remind residents and visitors to continue to help fight COVID-19 by exercising social responsibility. Wearing face coverings while in public, maintaining physical distancing, and staying home when sick are all ways to protect yourself and those around you. Every resident and visitor has a responsibility to protect the health of Taney County.

“Our community has taken precautionary measures during this time,” States Lisa Marshall, Director of TCHD. “This is largely why COVID-19 cases in Taney County continue to hold steady. The community has jumped on board and is doing the right things to stop the spread, we need their help to keep our community healthy.”

To continue to keep these numbers low, the health department is reminding community members that it is our social responsibility to take care of each other and continue to wear masks, wash our hands and keep 6 feet away from those that don’t reside in our households.

“Social responsibility means taking care of each other through our own actions.” Marshall continues, “We are in a holding pattern right now as far as new cases are concerned. The best way to reduce the risk of a spike in positive cases is to take precautionary measures now.”

This includes the following;

- Wearing face coverings in public settings, especially if social distancing cannot be followed
- Stay 6 feet apart
- Wash your hands for at least 20 seconds
- Stay home if you are sick
- Increase disinfection practices in the home and workplace
- Continue to stay home if you are considered high risk

TCHD encourages residents and visitors to call businesses, theaters or restaurants they plan to visit to determine if they are open and instructions on their opening procedures. Toolkits are available at [www.taneycohealth.org](http://www.taneycohealth.org). For more information contact the Taney County Health Department at 417-334-4544, visit our website at [www.taneycohealth.org](http://www.taneycohealth.org), or like our FaceBook, Instagram and Pinterest pages.

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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

June 8, 2020

The Taney County Health Department (TCHD) has just been notified of an individual who tested positive for COVID-19 after visiting the Branson area. The individual who tested positive does not reside in Taney County.

This is an itinerary of places that the individual visited while in the area.

- Branson Zipline at Wolf Mountain in Walnut Shade -Saturday, May 30<sup>th</sup> between 2:30 -3:30 pm
- Track #4 at The Track Family Fun Parks in Branson- Saturday, May 30<sup>th</sup> between 4:00 -6:30 pm
- Mellow Mushroom at the Branson Landing- Saturday, May 30<sup>th</sup> between 9:15 pm -10:15 pm
- Maurices at Tanger Outlets Branson- Sunday, May 31<sup>st</sup> between 11:00 am- 12:00 pm

If you visited any of these establishments during these days and times, your risk of contracting COVID-19 is considered low. However, you should monitor for symptoms for 14 days following the date of potential exposure.

Symptoms include:

- Fever or chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

If you experience any of these symptoms, please contact your physician.

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### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

The Taney County Health Department Confirms 14<sup>th</sup> Case of COVID-19  
June 10, 2020

The Taney County Health Department (TCHD) has confirmed the 14<sup>th</sup> case of COVID-19 in Taney County. The individual is currently isolating at home. All known close contacts will be notified and be placed under quarantine. The case has no known connection to a previous case, and is considered community spread at this time.

Prior to being diagnosed, this individual visited the following businesses:

#### **Friday, June 5<sup>th</sup>**

Carpet Plus in Hollister 4:00 pm- 4:15 pm (unmasked)

#### **Saturday, June 6<sup>th</sup>**

Shepherd of the Hills Outdoor Drama Dinner and Show 6:00 pm- 10:30 pm (unmasked)

- Shepherd of the Hills Shop called Spoon Attics 5-10 minutes
- Rode the tram between 8:00 and 8:30 pm and again around 10:30 pm

Andy's Frozen Custard walk up window between 11:15-11:30 pm (unmasked)

#### **Sunday, June 7<sup>th</sup>**

Home Depot 2:45- 3:00 pm (unmasked)

Target 3:00-3:15 pm (masked)

Subway at Walmart on Branson Hills Parkway 3:30- 4:15 (masked)

#### **Monday June 8<sup>th</sup>**

Lakeland Pharmacy on Branson Hills Parkway 2:00-2:15 pm (masked)

Individuals who visited these locations on these dates should monitor for symptoms. There is no need to self-quarantine or isolate unless symptoms develop. If you do begin to experience symptoms, please contact your healthcare provider.

Symptoms of COVID-19 include:

- Fever or chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting

- Diarrhea

TCHD would like to remind the community of the importance of interacting with our environment carefully and safely. If someone is, or thinks, they may be sick, they should stay home. Wearing a mask and socially distancing is highly encouraged to help prevent the spread of COVID-19.

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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

Taney County Health Department Confirms Five New Cases of COVID-19  
June 14, 2020, 9:00 a.m.

The Taney County Health Department (TCHD) confirms five new cases of COVID-19 in Taney County. The source of the five new cases is undetermined and not linked to previous cases. All individuals are isolating at home and all close contacts will be notified and quarantine at home.

The following have been identified as locations visited:

**Wednesday, June 3**

Walmart on 76 between 5 and 6 pm (unmasked)

Phillip 66 Gas Station, 4914 US-65, Walnut Shade, around 9am for approximately 10 minutes (masked)

Hy-Vee in Springfield, mid-morning for approximately 30 minutes (masked and wearing gloves)

Individuals who visited these locations on the above dates should monitor for COVID-19 symptoms. If you do begin to experience symptoms, please contact your healthcare provider.

These cases are considered community spread and TCHD continues to recommend social distancing, face coverings, hand hygiene, and avoiding highly crowded areas. If you are sick, please stay home. TCHD is also stressing the importance of getting tested if you have COVID-19 symptoms. This can be done by contacting your healthcare provider or using a CoxHealth Virtual Visit, which is free using the code COVID.

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Taney County Health Department Confirms Three New Cases of COVID-19  
June 14, 2020, 6:30 p.m.

The Taney County Health Department (TCHD) confirms three new cases of COVID-19 in Taney County for a total of 24 cases. At this time, the source of the three new cases is unknown and considered community spread. Close contacts will be notified and quarantine at home. All identified locations visited by individuals testing positive for COVID-19 have also been notified.

As of June 14, 2020, 6:30pm, the following has been identified as having been visited by one individual that has tested positive for COVID-19.

**Wednesday, June 3 - 12**

Hollister Summer School (unmasked)

Individuals who visited these locations on the above dates should monitor for COVID-19 symptoms. If you do begin to experience symptoms, please contact your healthcare provider.

TCHD continues to recommend taking precautionary measures such as, social distancing, face coverings, hand hygiene, avoiding highly crowded areas, and staying home if you are sick. TCHD is also stressing the importance of getting tested if you have COVID-19 symptoms. This can be done by contacting your healthcare provider or using a CoxHealth Virtual Visit, which is free using the code COVID.

As more information becomes available, TCHD will notify the community.

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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

Taney County Health Department Confirms 25<sup>th</sup> Case of COVID-19  
June 15, 2020 5:30 pm

The Taney County Health Department (TCHD) confirms the 25th case of COVID-19 in Taney County. The individual is isolating at home. TCHD's Communicable Disease team is working to identify close contacts and an itinerary. The public will be notified of any potential community exposures.

TCHD continues to recommend social distancing, face coverings, hand hygiene, and avoiding highly crowded areas. If you are sick, please stay home. TCHD is also stressing the importance of getting tested if you have symptoms of COVID-19. This can be done by contacting your healthcare provider or using a CoxHealth Virtual Visit, which is free using the code COVID.

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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

Taney County Health Department Confirms 27<sup>th</sup> COVID-19 Case and Itinerary of Symptomatic Visitor  
June 17, 2020 4:30 PM

The Taney County Health Department (TCHD) confirms the 27<sup>th</sup> case of COVID-19 in Taney County. Investigation completed by the TCHD's Communicable Disease Team revealed the individual was a contact from another case and was quarantined at home prior to the positive diagnosis. They did not travel anywhere and there are no close contacts to notify.

TCHD is also alerting the community regarding a symptomatic visitor, who later tested positive for COVID-19 in their home state.

"We want the community to know that a visitor from out of state has also tested positive." states Lisa Marshall, Director of TCHD, "The person had symptoms during their visit and tested positive after returning home."

Prior to being diagnosed, this case visited the following locations in Taney County:

**Wednesday, June 10<sup>th</sup>**

Top of the Rock

- Lost Canyon Cave & Nature Trail- 2:00 pm (masked)
- Osage Restaurant from 5:15 pm-dusk (masked)

**Thursday, June 11<sup>th</sup>**

Harter House in Hollister- morning (masked)

Cedar Junction (CJ) General Store- morning (masked)

State Park Marina Boat Rental- 12:00 pm- 6:00 pm (masked)

Downing Street Pour House- 7:00 pm- 8:30 pm (masked)

If you visited any of these locations on these dates or during these times, please monitor for symptoms. Should symptoms develop, contact your healthcare provider for further evaluation.

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### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Stone and Taney County Health Departments Notify Community of Visitor Itinerary  
June 18, 2020, 9:00 a.m.

The Stone and Taney County Health Departments (SCHD and TCHD) are notifying the community of an individual that has travelled to Stone and Taney Counties while symptomatic. The individual visited locations in both counties and later returned to their home county where they tested positive for COVID-19. All identified locations have been notified.

The following locations have been identified as locations the individual visited:

#### **Monday, June 15**

Panera at 10:00am (unmasked)

Silver Dollar City, 11am – 5 pm (masked)

Individuals who visited these locations on these dates should monitor for symptoms. There is no need to self-quarantine or isolate unless symptoms develop. If you do begin to experience symptoms, please contact your healthcare provider.

Symptoms of COVID-19 include:

- Fever or chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

SCHD and TCHD would like to remind the community of the importance of interacting with their environment carefully and safely. If someone is, or thinks, they may be sick, they should stay home. Wearing a mask and socially distancing is recommended to help prevent the spread of COVID-19.

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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

Taney County Health Department Investigating Possible COVID-19 Outbreak at Tequila 2 in Branson  
June 19, 2020 - 8:00 PM

The Taney County Health Department (TCHD), in conjunction with the Stone County Health Department (SCHD), is investigating a possible COVID-19 outbreak at Tequila 2 on Gretna Road in Branson, MO.

TCHD thanks Tequila 2 for voluntarily and immediately closing after being alerted to the suspected outbreak and for their future cooperation as both health departments work to identify exposed individuals and possible dates of exposure for the public.

At this time, TCHD asks all Tequila 2 employees that suspect they have been in close contact with a suspected or confirmed COVID-19 case to quarantine at home and to refrain from leaving their home for any reason other than to receive medical care.

This investigation is ongoing; more information will be released as it becomes available.

TCHD would like to remind the public of the importance of seeking testing if they have the symptoms of COVID-19.

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All of the new cases are residents of Taney County.

The 28<sup>th</sup> case was a close contact of a previous case and has been isolating at home and has had no contact with anyone outside of their household.

The 29<sup>th</sup> case is not linked to previous cases and is considered community spread. The individual is isolating at home and has provided the following itinerary:

#### **Travel Itinerary for case 29:**

##### **June 15<sup>th</sup>**

- **2:50 pm Casey's in Hollister (masked)**
- **3:00 pm Tanger Mall (masked)**
  - **Carters**
  - **Adidas**
  - **Nike**
  - **American Eagle**
  - **Michael Kors**
  - **Vera Bradley**
  - **Rack Room Shoes**
- **5:30 pm TJ MAXX (masked)**
- **7:00 pm Tequila's 2 picked up food(masked)**
- **7:25 pm Chili's Curbside (masked)**
- **7:35 McDonald's, Branson Hills Parkway, drive through(masked)**

##### **June 16<sup>th</sup>**

- **6:30 pm Momo's picked up food (masked)**
- **6:45 pm McDonald's drive through Downtown (masked)**

All contacts for this case have been notified and are isolating at home.

Case number 30 developed is not linked to any previous cases and is considered community spread. Below is the travel itinerary for case number 30.

#### **Travel Itinerary for case 30:**

**June 13<sup>th</sup> No public contacts**

**June 14<sup>th</sup>**

- **11:30 am Walmart Branson Hills (unmasked)**
- **11:45 am Target Branson Hills (unmasked)**
- **12:00 pm Kohl's Branson Hills (unmasked)**
- **1:30 pm Cracker Barrel (unmasked)**

**June 15<sup>th</sup>**

- **No Public Contacts**

**June 16<sup>th</sup>**

- **9:45 am McDonald's drive through (unmasked)**

All contacts have been notified and are isolating at home.

If you were at any of these locations during this time, please monitor for symptoms. If symptoms do develop, please notify your healthcare provider for further consultation.

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**Travel Itinerary for case 30:**

**June 13<sup>th</sup> No public contacts**

**June 14<sup>th</sup>**

- **11:30 am Walmart Branson Hills (unmasked)**
- **11:45 am Target Branson Hills (unmasked)**
- **12:00 pm Kohl's Branson Hills (unmasked)**
- **1:30 pm Cracker Barrel (unmasked)**

**June 15<sup>th</sup>**

- **No Public Contacts**

**June 16<sup>th</sup>**

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Taney County Health Department Confirms Three New COVID-19 Cases  
June 20, 2020

The Taney County Health Department (TCHD) confirms three new cases of COVID-19 for a total of 33 cases. Cases 32 and 33 are linked to prior positive cases and are isolating at home. Case number 31 is suspected to be community spread at this time, and is also isolating at home. Investigation of case 33 is still in progress. Additional information will be released as it becomes available. TCHD is in the process of notifying all close contacts of these three cases. Close contacts will be quarantined at home upon notification.

**The following locations have been identified as locations visited by either case 31 or case 32.**

Kum and Go, Hollister – June 12, 13, 14, 16, & 17

Big Cedar Lodge, Shuttle – June 14, 16, & 17

Branson Towers – June 13 through June 16

Individuals who visited these locations on the above dates should monitor for COVID-19 symptoms. There is no need to self-quarantine or isolate unless symptoms develop. If you do begin to experience symptoms, please contact your healthcare provider. TCHD would like to remind the community to continue practicing physical distancing to slow the spread of COVID-19. Face coverings are also recommended as an additional layer of prevention for the community.

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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

Taney County Health Department Confirms 34<sup>th</sup> COVID Case and Releases Itinerary of Visitor to the Area  
June 24, 2020

The Taney County Health Department (TCHD) confirms the 34<sup>th</sup> case of COVID-19 in Taney County.

Case 34 is not connected to any previous case, and the case is considered community spread at this time. The individual was isolating at home at the time of diagnosis. All close contacts are being notified and are being placed in quarantine.

The TCHD Investigation Team has been notified of a visitor who was symptomatic while visiting.

Below is the itinerary of this individual:

**June 15<sup>th</sup> or 16<sup>th</sup>**

- **3-4pm Freddy's drive through (masked)**
- **3-4 pm Steak-n-Shake drive through (masked)**

**June 16<sup>th</sup>**

- **Time unknown Shell Station on Green Mountain Drive (masked)**

**June 19<sup>th</sup>**

- **4:30 pm Walgreens (masked)**

**June 20<sup>th</sup>**

- **3-4 pm Panera pick up (masked)**

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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

Taney County Health Department Confirms 34<sup>th</sup> COVID Case and Releases Itinerary of Visitor to the Area  
June 23, 2020

The Taney County Health Department (TCHD) confirms the 34<sup>th</sup> case of COVID-19 in Taney County.

Case 34 is not connected to any previous case, and the case is considered community spread at this time. The individual was isolating at home at the time of diagnosis. All close contacts are being notified and are being placed in quarantine.

The TCHD Investigation Team has been notified of a visitor who was symptomatic while visiting.

Below is the itinerary of this individual:

**June 15<sup>th</sup> or 16<sup>th</sup>**

- **3-4pm Freddy's drive through (masked)**
- **3-4 pm Steak-n-Shake drive through (masked)**

**June 16<sup>th</sup>**

- **Time unknown Shell Station on Green Mountain Drive (masked)**

**June 19<sup>th</sup>**

- **4:30 pm Walgreens (masked)**

**June 20<sup>th</sup>**

- **3-4 pm Panera pick up (masked)**

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### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Taney County Health Department Notifies Public of New Cases  
June 24, 2020

The Taney County Health Department has confirmed case numbers 35, 36, and 37.  
Please see information regarding each case below:

**Case 35-** Resides in Taney County. All close contacts have been notified and are in quarantine. No public exposure.

**Case 36-** Is a close contact of a case that resides outside of Taney County. All close contacts are being notified and are being placed in quarantine. No public exposure.

**Case 37-**Resides in Taney County and visited the following locations while infectious

#### June 22<sup>nd</sup>

- **3-4 pm Target for 30 minutes (masked)**

The health department has also been notified of a traveler who visited the following locations while infectious.

#### June 20<sup>th</sup>

- **8-10 pm Fun Mountain at Big Cedar dinner and bowling (masked)**

#### June 21<sup>st</sup>

- **4 pm Top of the Rock Tram (masked)**
- **5:15 pm Dinner at Osage Restaurant (unmasked)**
- **7:00 pm Top of the rock Tram (masked)**

#### June 23<sup>rd</sup>

- **2:30-6:30 pm Big Cedar Marina (unmasked)**

If you were at any of these locations during this time, please monitor for symptoms. If symptoms do develop, please notify your healthcare provider for further consultation.

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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

Taney County Health Department is Notifying the Public of Possible Community Exposure  
June 25, 2020

The Taney County Health Department is notifying the public of itineraries of two new cases of COVID-19. Taney County has a total of 39 cases of COVID-19.

**Case 38-** This is travel related. All close contacts are being notified and placed in quarantine. The individual visited the following locations:

**Friday, June 12<sup>th</sup> to Friday, June 19<sup>th</sup>**

**McDonald's- 2214 W Hwy 76 in Branson Morning Drive Thru (unmasked)**

**McDonald's- 515 W Main St in Branson- Evening Drive Thru (unmasked)**

**Wendy's- 510 W main Street in Branson- evening Drive Thru (unmasked)**

**Sunday June 14<sup>th</sup>**

**Ye Olde Wash House in Hollister- Mid Morning (unmasked)**

**CVS in Branson- Mid Morning (unmasked)**

**Sunfest Market in Branson- Mid-morning (unmasked)**

**Friday, June 19<sup>th</sup>**

**CVS in Branson- After 5 pm (unmasked)**

**Case 39-** This case is travel related. All close contacts are being notified and placed in quarantine. The individual visited the following location:

**Saturday, June 13<sup>th</sup>**

**11 am Walmart Super Center Branson- (unmasked)**

If you were at any of these locations during this time, please monitor for symptoms. If symptoms do develop, please notify your healthcare provider for further consultation.

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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

Taney County Health Department Notifying the Public of Possible Community Exposure  
June 25, 2020

The Taney County Health Department is notifying the public of the itinerary of case number 40 in Taney County.

**Case 40** is connected to a previous case of COVID-19. All close contacts have been notified and have been placed in quarantine.

The individual visited the following locations:

**Monday, June 15th**

**Bank of Missouri Lobby - Branson - 4:30 pm (unmasked)**

**Saturday, June 20th**

**White Oak Station - 4017 W Hwy 76, Branson - 11:30 am - (unmasked)**

If you were at any of these locations during this time, please monitor for symptoms. If symptoms do develop, please notify your healthcare provider for further consultation.

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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**  
Taney County Health Department Provides Daily Update  
Corrected  
June 26, 2020

Due to the increase in COVID-19 cases in Taney County, the Taney County Health Department (TCHD) will be releasing information regarding public exposures once a day. This information will be available week days daily at 3:00 pm.

Three Taney County residents have tested positive for COVID-19, bringing Taney County's total case count to 43.

One of the cases is connected to a case outside of the area. Two of the cases are community spread. Close contacts are being notified and will quarantine at home.

A combined itinerary of cases 40 through 43 can be found below:

**Sunday, June 21<sup>st</sup>**

**9:00 am-1:00 pm and 5:00 pm- 6:00 pm Branson Church of Christ (unmasked)**

**Monday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**8:00 am- 10:00 am Arrowhead Building Supply in Hollister (unmasked)**

**7:30 pm- 8:30 pm Alexander Park in Branson (unmasked)**

**Thursday, June 25<sup>th</sup>**

**12:00 pm- 1:00 pm Country Mart in Hollister**

If you were at any of these locations during this time, please monitor for symptoms. If symptoms do develop, please notify your healthcare provider for further consultation.

The Taney County Health Department Board of Trustees recently passed a resolution asking residents and visitors to wear face coverings in public places. Face coverings, in addition to social distancing and staying home while sick, is the best way to avoid the spread of COVID-19.

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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

Taney County Health Department Board Passes Resolution Pronouncing the Need for Face Coverings in any Indoor Public Place in Taney County  
June 26, 2020

The Taney County Health Department Board unanimously passed a resolution in support of universal masking in all indoor public spaces, at its monthly board meeting. This decision came after the number of positive cases of COVID-19 more than tripled from May 25,2020 to June 25,2020.

“COVID-19 is a virus spread through droplets that people expel when they breath, talk, cough or sneeze,” states Lisa Marshall, Director of the Taney County Health Department (TCHD). “Masks have been shown to reduce the spread of these droplets and decrease the risk of unintentionally passing this virus to someone.”

The TCHD staff and board members have the responsibility to protect the well-being of Taney County businesses and preserve the local economy. Imploring the residents and visitors to protect the public’s health by wearing face coverings while in any indoor public space will decrease transmission rates and slow the spread of COVID-19 in Taney County.

The resolution can be found on our website: [www.taneycohealth.org](http://www.taneycohealth.org)

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### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

Taney County Health Department (TCHD) Confirms 11 New Cases of COVID-19  
June 27, 2020 7:30 pm

TCHD confirms 11 new cases of COVID-19 over the past 24 hours. The total case count for Taney County is 54. Investigation continues on two of these cases and information will be released as it becomes available. Many of these cases are community spread, and the TCHD is urging everyone to wear a face covering or mask, follow social distancing guidelines and stay home if you are sick.

Locations visited include:

#### **Sunday, June 21st**

**New Beginnings Fellowship in Hollister - 9:30 am (unmasked)**

**MoMo Sushi & Grill in Branson - 3:00 pm (unmasked)**

#### **Wednesday, June 24th**

**Target in Branson - 2:30 pm (masked)**

#### **Thursday, June 25th**

**Target Starbucks in Branson - 2:45 pm (masked)**

If you were at any of these locations during this time, please monitor for symptoms. If symptoms do develop, please notify your healthcare provider for further consultation.

Symptoms include:

- Fever or chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

Testing is available in Taney County at [www.Coxhealth.com](http://www.Coxhealth.com) through a virtual visit, or register for the free Branson Community Testing event on June 30<sup>th</sup> or July 1<sup>st</sup> at [www.health.mo.gov/communitytest](http://www.health.mo.gov/communitytest). Individuals can also register for the free Branson Community Testing event by calling 1-877-435-8411.

As the number of positive cases continues to rise, in the community, the TCHD strongly encourages community residents and visitors to take measures to decrease the spread of COVID-19.

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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

Taney County Health Department COVID-19 Update  
June 30, 2020

The Taney County Health Department (TCHD) is reporting 63 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Taney County. There have been 2 deaths, 24 recovered and 37 active cases.

The TCHD is notifying the public of potential community exposures from 6 COVID-19 positive individuals.

Prior to being diagnosed, these 6 cases visited the following locations:

**Sunday June 21<sup>st</sup>**

**10 am White Valley River Church (The River) in Forsyth, MO (unmasked)**

**11:30-12:30 pm White River Fish House on the Branson Landing from 11:30-12:30pm (unmasked)**

**Tuesday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**3:00 pm Lowe's (masked)**

**3:00-4:00 pm Big Whiskey's (unmasked)**

**11:30-3:30 Tanger Outlet Mall (unmasked)**

- **Stores visited:**
  - **Tori Burch**
  - **Kate Spade**
  - **Gap**
  - **Old Navy**
  - **Bath and Body Works**
  - **Vera Bradley**

**4:00-9:00 pm Black Oak grill on the Branson Landing (masked)**

**Wednesday, June 24<sup>th</sup>**

**1:45 pm TJ Maxx (masked)**

**2:00-2:30 pm Target (masked)**

**2:45- 3:30 pm Walmart Super Center on Branson Hills (masked)**

**5:00-9:00 pm Black Oak grill on the Branson Landing from 5-9pm (masked)**

**Thursday, June 25<sup>th</sup>**

**12:15-1:15 pm Branson's Center Stage Grille and Kaffee Haus (unmasked)**

**Friday, June 26<sup>th</sup>**

**12:15-1:15 pm Thai Thai (unmasked)**

**4:30-9:30 pm Waxy O'Shea's Irish Pub (unmasked)**

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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**  
Taney County Health Department COVID-19 Update  
July 2, 2020

The Taney County Health Department is reporting 67 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Taney County. There have been 2 deaths, 25 recovered, and 40 active cases.

Today's update will consist of frequently asked questions that we have been receiving.

Here are a few:

**I was at one of the places listed where a positive case had been. What should I do?**

The health department asks those that may have been at any of the locations listed in the press release to watch for symptoms. If you are following socially distancing guidelines, and wearing a mask your chances of getting COVID-19 are greatly reduced. If symptoms do develop, contact your healthcare provider.

**Why are you only putting the itinerary for one case in your press releases?**

Press releases are now being written to reflect the cases for which we have itineraries. Keep in mind that not all cases will have an itinerary, if the case investigation indicates that they were not out in the community while infectious.

**How many of the people who have COVID-19 in Taney County have been hospitalized?**

The health department does not track this information, our focus is to help **prevent** the spread of COVID-19. People who have tested positive can be extremely sick even if they are not hospitalized. The point of preventing COVID-19 is to protect the healthcare system from a surge in patients.

**How can we live safely with this virus?**

We know this virus is not going away anytime soon, but there are steps that can be taken to help reduce the spread of COVID-19 cases. Practicing socially distancing, wearing a face mask or covering, washing your hands, and staying home if you are sick are the best ways to help reduce the spread.

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Taney County Health Department (TCHD) Confirms 12 New Cases of COVID-19  
July 3, 2020 5:30 pm

TCHD confirms 12 new cases of COVID-19 over the past 24 hours. The total case count for Taney County is 79. Investigations continues on many of these cases and information will be released as it becomes available. Many of these cases are community spread. There have been 2 deaths, 29 recovered with 50 active cases.

The TCHD is notifying the public of potential community exposures from 6 COVID-19 positive individuals.

Prior to being diagnosed, these 12 cases are known to have visited the following locations:

**SATURDAY, JUNE 27<sup>TH</sup>**

**10:30 am – 7:30 pm**      **Smith Creek Moonshine at Tanger Outlet Mall**      **(masked)**

**SUNDAY, JUNE 28<sup>TH</sup>**

**Morning**      **Walmart Super Center at Branson Hills**      **(masked)**

**MONDAY, JUNE 29<sup>TH</sup>**

**4:45 am – 2:45 pm**      **Scooters in Forsyth**      **(masked)**

**10:30 am – 4:00 pm**      **Smith Creek Moonshine at Tanger Outlet Mall**      **(masked)**

**4:00 pm – 4:30 pm**      **Walmart Super Center at Branson Hills**      **(unmasked)**

**5:00 pm – 5:30 pm**      **Walmart Super Center at Branson Hills**      **(masked)**

**TUESDAY, JUNE 30<sup>TH</sup>**

**4:45 am – 7:30 am**      **Scooters in Forsyth**      **(masked)**

**12:30 pm – 12:40 pm**      **Walmart on Hwy 76**      **(masked)**

**Early afternoon**      **Pancho Villa, Branson**      **(unmasked)**

**Afternoon**      **YMCA, Hollister**      **(unmasked)**

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 1<sup>ST</sup>**

**9:00 am – 5:00 pm**      **Smith Creek Moonshine at Branson Landing**      **(masked)**

If you were at any of these locations during this time, please monitor for symptoms. If symptoms do develop, please notify your healthcare provider for further consultation.

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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**  
Taney County Health Department COVID-19 Update  
July 6, 2020 3:00 pm

The Taney County Health Department (TCHD) is reporting 97 cases of COVID-19 in Taney County. There have been 2 deaths, 31 recovered, and 64 active cases.

The Taney County Health Department is notifying the public of potential community exposures from two COVID-19 positive individuals.

Prior to being diagnosed, these individuals went to the following locations:

**Sunday, June 28<sup>th</sup>**

**9:30 am-10:30 am First Baptist Church Branson (masked)**

**Tuesday, June 30<sup>th</sup>**

**11:30 am – 12:15 pm Panera Bread Branson (masked)**

**Wednesday, July 1<sup>st</sup>**

**10:00 am- 11:00 am Rhodes Family Price Chopper Branson (masked)**

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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**  
Taney County Health Department COVID-19 Update  
July 7, 2020

The Taney County Health Department (TCHD) is reporting 107 cases of COVID-19 in Taney County. There have been 2 deaths, 45 recovered, and 60 active cases.

The Taney County Health Department is notifying the public of potential community exposures from two COVID-19 positive individuals.

Prior to being diagnosed, these individuals went to the following locations:

**Wednesday, July 1st**

- **10 am- 11 am Plato's closet in Springfield (unmasked)**
- **3pm- 4 pm Walmart at Branson Hills in Branson (unmasked)**

**Friday, July 3rd**

- **1:30- 2:30 pm Penzoil Branson (unmasked)**

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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**  
Taney County Health Department COVID-19 Update  
July 8, 2020

The Taney County Health Department (TCHD) is reporting 111 cases of COVID-19 in Taney County. There have been 2 deaths, 45 recovered, and 63 active cases.

The Taney County Health Department is notifying the public of potential community exposures from one COVID-19 positive individual.

Prior to being diagnosed, this individual went to the following locations:

**Tuesday June 30, 2020**

**8 am-4 pm Maurices at Tanger Mall**

**Wednesday July 1, 2020**

**12 pm- 8-pm Maurices at Tanger Mall**

**Thursday July 2, 2020**

**11 am- 1 pm Maurices at Tanger Mall**

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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**  
Third COVID-19 Related Death Reported in Taney County  
July 9, 2020

The Taney County Health Department announces the third death from COVID-19 in Taney County. The individual was a woman in her 80's.

“We are heartbroken to announce the third death in our county from COVID-19,” said Lisa Marshall, Director of the TCHD. “We want to express our sincerest condolences to the patient’s family and loved ones.”

Marshall went on to state, “This is a time for each community member to take social responsibility to slow the spread of COVID-19. Please wear a face covering or mask, follow social distancing guidelines, wash your hands and stay home if you are sick.”

TCHD continues to urge those with COVID-19 symptoms to seek testing through their healthcare provider.

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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**  
Taney County Health Department COVID-19 Update  
July 9, 2020

The Taney County Health Department (TCHD) is reporting 112 cases of COVID-19 in Taney County. There have been 3 deaths, 48 recovered, and 61 active cases.

The Taney County Health Department is notifying the public of potential community exposures from one COVID-19 positive individual.

Prior to being diagnosed, this individual went to the following locations:

**Tuesday, June 30<sup>th</sup>**  
**3-6 pm RecPlex Pool (unmasked)**

**Thursday, July 2<sup>nd</sup>**  
**11:30 am Center Stage Grille & Bar (unmasked)**  
**12:30 pm Target (unmasked)**  
**1:30 pm Michael's (unmasked)**

**Sunday, July 5<sup>th</sup>**  
**8-9 am Wal-Mart Supercenter (unmasked)**  
**10:30 am Cedar Valley Church (unmasked)**

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Taney County Health Department COVID-19 Update  
July 10, 2020

The Taney County Health Department (TCHD) is reporting 116 cases of COVID-19 in Taney County. There have been 3 deaths, 52 recovered, and 61 active cases.

The Taney County Health Department is notifying the public of potential community exposures from three COVID-19 positive individuals.

Prior to being diagnosed, these individuals went to the following locations:

**Sunday, June 28<sup>th</sup>**

**12:00 pm- 1:30 pm White River Fish House, Branson Landing (unmasked)**

**1:30 pm-2:00 pm Bass Pro Shop, Branson Landing (unmasked)**

**4:00 -6:00 pm Tanger Outlet Stores (unmasked)**

**\*Visited Adidas, Nike, Reebok, Under Armour (unmasked)**

**Saturday, July 4<sup>th</sup>**

**Time unknown Big Cedar 4<sup>th</sup> of July Fireworks Display (unmasked)**

**8:00 -9:00 pm Getting Basted (unmasked)**

**Sunday, July 5<sup>th</sup>**

**2:00-3:00 pm Tanger Outlet Stores (masked)**

**2:30-3:30 pm Olive Garden (unmasked)**

**Time unknown Top of the Rock Golf Tour (unmasked)**

**6:30-8:00 pm Little Hacienda, Branson (unmasked)**

**Tuesday, July 7<sup>th</sup>**

**12:00 pm Target in Branson (masked)**

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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**  
Taney County Health Department COVID-19 Update  
July 13, 2020 11:30 am

The Taney County Health Department (TCHD) is reporting 136 cases of COVID-19 in Taney County. There have been 3 deaths, 52 recovered, and 81 active cases.

The Taney County Health Department is notifying the public of potential community exposures from five COVID-19 positive individuals.

Prior to being diagnosed, these individuals went to the following locations:

**Wednesday, July 1<sup>st</sup>**

**11:00-12:30 PM Rec-plex swim (unmasked)**

**Thursday, July 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**Afternoon WalMart Supercenter (masked)**

**Friday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**Afternoon WalMart Supercenter (masked)**

**Midday to early evening Branson Hot Hits Theater (unmasked)**

**Saturday, July 4<sup>th</sup>**

**Midday Bass Pro (unspecified)**

**Midday Don't Forget About Me (unspecified)**

**Midday Christopher and Banks (unspecified)**

**Midday to early evening Branson Hot Hits Theater (unmasked)**

**7:30 PM Walmart supercenter (masked)**

**Sunday, July 5<sup>th</sup>**

**Early evening Branson Hot Hits Theater (unmasked)**

**Monday, July 6<sup>th</sup>**

**Early evening Branson Hot Hits Theater (unmasked)**

**Tuesday, July 7<sup>th</sup>**

**6:30 PM Hollister Farmer's Market (unmasked)**

**Wednesday, July 8<sup>th</sup>**

**Afternoon Harter House in Hollister (unmasked)**

**12:00 to 12:45 pm Petco (unspecified)**

**Thursday, July 9th**

**10:45 AM to 6:00 PM VF Outlet (masked)**

**6:30 PM Harter House in Hollister (unmasked)**

**7:30 PM WalMart Supercenter (masked)**

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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

Taney County Health Department COVID-19 Update  
July 14, 2020 4:00 pm

The Taney County Health Department (TCHD) is reporting 137 cases of COVID-19 in Taney County. There have been 3 deaths, 52 recovered, and 82 active cases.

The Taney County Health Department is notifying the public of potential community exposures from six COVID-19 positive individuals.

Prior to being diagnosed, these individuals went to the following locations:

**Thursday, July 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**2:00 pm-4:00 pm Branson Landing (masked)**  
**6:00 pm -7:30 pm Fall Creek Steakhouse (unspecified)**  
**7:30 pm- 9:30 pm Cheeky Monkey (unmasked)**

**Friday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**9:30 am-12:30 pm Branson Shores Resort Pontoon Boats (unspecified)**  
**10:00 am- 12:00 pm Pirate's Cove Mini Golf (unmasked)**  
**12:00 pm- 12:45 pm Panera (masked)**  
**5:45 pm- 7:30 pm Little Hacienda Little Pete's Road (unmasked)**

**Saturday, July 4<sup>th</sup>**

**9:30 am- 10:30 am Price Chopper (unmasked)**  
**11:00 am -1:30 pm Branson Shores Resort Pontoon Boat (unspecified)**  
**3:00 - 4:00 pm Branson Mountain Coaster (unspecified)**  
**11:00 pm Branson Mountain Coaster (unspecified)**  
**4:30 -7:30 pm Dolly Parton's Stampede (unspecified)**

**Sunday, July 5<sup>th</sup>**

**9:00 am- 11:30 am and 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm Sanctuary of Hope Church (unspecified)**

**Tuesday, July 7<sup>th</sup>**

**1:00 pm- 2:00 pm Walmart on Hwy 76 (masked)**  
**2:00 pm -3:00 pm Price Chopper (masked)**  
**Early morning to early evening Old Navy, Tanger Outlet (masked)**

**Wednesday, July 8<sup>th</sup>**

**8:00 pm -8:30 pm Krispy Kreme (masked)**  
**Mid-morning to early evening Old Navy, Tanger Outlet (masked)**  
**9:30 am-4:30 pm Recplex (masked)**

**Thursday, July 9<sup>th</sup>**

**Early morning to early evening Old Navy, Tanger Outlet (masked)**

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Taney County Health Department COVID-19 Update  
July 17, 2020

The Taney County Health Department (TCHD) is reporting 152 cases of COVID-19 in Taney County. There have been 3 deaths, 53 recovered, and 96 active cases.

The Taney County Health Department is notifying the public of potential community exposures from multiple COVID-19 residents and visitors.

Prior to being diagnosed, these individuals went to the following locations:

**Saturday, July 4<sup>th</sup>**

**Olive Garden (masked)**

**Sunday, July 5<sup>th</sup>**

**Olive Garden (masked)**

**Monday, July 6<sup>th</sup>**

**11:30-1:30 pm Top of the Rock (masked)**

**1:00 -4:00 pm Joe's Crab Shack (unmasked)**

**1:00 pm LandShark (unmasked)**

**5:30 pm Rack Room Shoes at Branson Landing (masked)**

**6:30 pm American Eagle at Tanger (masked)**

**8:00 pm Getting Basted (unmasked)**

**1:00-2:00 pm Joe's Crab Shack (masked upon entering and unmasked to eat)**

**2:00-3:00 pm Branson Landing (masked)**

**5:00-6:00 pm Walmart (Branson Parkway) (masked)**

**Tuesday, July 7<sup>th</sup>**

**Joe's Crab Shack (masked)**

**Wednesday, July 8<sup>th</sup>**

**Joe's Crab Shack (masked)**

**Thursday, July 9<sup>th</sup>**

**Price Chopper-Branson (masked)**

**Joe's Crab Shack (masked)**

**5:00 pm Sav-a-lot, Forsyth (unmasked)**

**10:30-11:00 am Big D's BBQ (unmasked)**

**Friday, July 10<sup>th</sup>**

**Joe's Crab Shack (masked)**

**Dolly's Stampede (masked)**

**6:00-7:00 pm Big D's BBQ (unmasked)**

**Saturday, July 11<sup>th</sup>**

**Dolly's Stampede (masked)**

**10:00 am Lowe's Hollister (unmasked)**

**Sunday, July 12<sup>th</sup>**

**Dolly's Stampede (masked)**

**10:15 am Turkey Creek gas station in Hollister (masked)**

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July 20, 2020

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The Taney County Health Department is notifying the public of potential community exposures from multiple COVID-19 positive residents and visitors.

Prior to being diagnosed, these individuals went to the following locations:

**Wednesday July 8<sup>th</sup>**

**5:30 pm -6:30 pm Big Cedar Lodge Buffalo Bar (unmasked)**

**Thursday July 9<sup>th</sup>**

**5:50 pm -10:45 pm Clay Cooper Theater (unspecified)**

**Friday July 10<sup>th</sup>**

**7:00 pm- 8:30 pm Mr G's Chicago Pizza (unspecified)**

**Sunday July 19<sup>th</sup>**

**2:00- 2:30 pm Steak and Shake, 503 W Main Street Branson (masked)**

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Taney County Health Department COVID-19 Update  
July 21, 2020

The Taney County Health Department (TCHD) is reporting 160 cases of COVID-19 in Taney County. There have been 3 deaths, 83 recovered, and 74 active cases.

The Taney County Health Department is notifying the public of potential community exposures from multiple COVID-19 positive residents and visitors.

Prior to being diagnosed, these individuals went to the following locations:

**Friday, July 10<sup>th</sup>**

**1:00 pm Dollar Tree**  
**Clockers Café, supper time**

**Saturday, July 11<sup>th</sup>**

**Casey's in Forsyth, 15 minutes in the morning**

**Sunday, July 12<sup>th</sup>**

**Casey's in Forsyth, 15 minutes in the morning**  
**8:00 am Carly's Health Food Branson**  
**12:00 pm Red Lobster**  
**1:00 pm Walmart Branson-Country Blvd**

**Monday, July 13<sup>th</sup>**

**Casey's in Forsyth, 15 minutes in the morning**  
**5:30 pm- 6:30 pm TR fitness**

**Tuesday, July 14<sup>th</sup>**

**Casey's in Forsyth, 15 minutes in the morning**  
**Walmart Branson Hills Parkway, afternoon**  
**11:00 am Menards**  
**1:20 pm Best Buy**  
**5:30 pm -7:00 pm TR fitness**

**Wednesday, July 15<sup>th</sup>**

**9:00 am Cracker Barrel**  
**11:00 am Target**

If you were at any of these locations during this time, please monitor for symptoms. If symptoms do develop, please notify your healthcare provider for further consultation.

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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**  
Taney County Health Department COVID-19 Update  
July 24, 2020

The Taney County Health Department (TCHD) is reporting 216 cases of COVID-19 in Taney County. There have been 3 deaths, 92 recovered, and 121 active cases.

The Taney County Health Department is notifying the public of potential community exposures from multiple COVID-19 positive individuals and visitors.

Prior to being diagnosed, these individuals went to the following locations:

**Friday, July 17<sup>th</sup>**

**9:30 pm-10:30 pm YMCA Hollister (masked but not for class)**

**1:00-1:30 pm VF Store (masked)**

**Harter House, unsure of time (masked)**

**Monday July, 20<sup>th</sup>**

**12:00 pm Lloyd's Electric (masked)**

**1:00 pm O'Reilly's (masked)**

**10:00 am Sunfest (masked)**

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Taney County Health Department COVID-19 Update  
July 29, 2020

The Taney County Health Department (TCHD) is reporting 272 cases of COVID-19 in Taney County with an additional 71 cases under investigation. There have been 4 deaths and 101 individuals have recovered.

The Taney County Health Department is notifying the public of potential community exposures from multiple COVID-19 positive residents and visitors.

Prior to being diagnosed, these individuals went to the following locations:

**Thursday, July 16<sup>th</sup>**  
**8:00 pm Dutton Show**

**Saturday, July 18<sup>th</sup>**  
**7:30 pm Haygood's Show**

**Sunday, July 19<sup>th</sup>**  
**9:30 am First Baptist Church**  
**Friendship Freewill Baptist evening service**  
**Scooters Gas Station morning**

**Tuesday, July 21<sup>st</sup>**  
**10:30 am Casey's in Forsyth**

**Wednesday, July 22<sup>nd</sup>**  
**Big Cedar Dock**  
**6:00-7:00 pm Walmart Branson Parkway**

**Thursday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>**  
**7:00 pm Olive Garden**

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Taney County Health Department Confirms Two more Deaths Due to COVID-19  
August 3, 2020

The Taney County Health Department (TCHD) is sad to report the deaths of two Taney County residents due to COVID-19. This brings the total number of deaths in Taney County from COVID-19 to five. The fourth individual was a male in his 80's, the fifth individual was also a male in his 70's.

“We are heartbroken to confirm two more deaths in our county from COVID-19,” said Lisa Marshall, Director of the TCHD. “We want to express our sincerest condolences to the patient’s family and loved ones.”

Currently, two-thirds of the cases reported in Taney County are related to community spread, which means they are not linked to other positive cases of COVID-19. The TCHD is strongly encouraging residents and visitors to take precautions to slow the spread of COVID-19 by wearing a face covering, social distancing, washing your hands frequently, and staying home if you are sick.

If you are showing symptoms of COVID-19, testing is still available through your primary care physician and the CoxHealth virtual visits at: [www.coxhealth.com](http://www.coxhealth.com).

Symptoms of COVID-19 include:

- Fever or Chills
- Cough
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

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Taney County Health Department Confirms COVID-19 Cases in Taney County Nursing Homes  
August 5, 2020

The Taney County Health Department (TCHD) is notifying the public of multiple COVID-19 cases in four Taney County nursing home facilities. Residents and family members who have been impacted have been notified.

“The TCHD continues working with these facilities and the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services (MODHSS) to ensure appropriate testing and health and safety precautions are being taken.” states Lisa Marshall, Director of the Taney County Health Department.

Associated case investigations and close contact notifications continue. A close contact is defined as someone who was within 6 feet of a person who is contagious for at least 15 minutes.

Known cases as of Tuesday, August 4<sup>th</sup> (3:00 pm)

Point Lookout Nursing & Rehab: 32  
Shepherd of the Hills Living Center: 34  
Forsyth Nursing & Rehab: 3  
Lakeside Mountain Manor: 1

Staff and management at these facilities are asking for the public’s help to curb the spread of COVID-19 in nursing homes and other residential care facilities. Individuals in these living facilities are at an increased risk of getting COVID-19 and at an increased risk of severe illness and death. The risk to those living in residential care facilities and nursing homes is increased due to the prevalence of COVID-19 in Taney County.

TCHD reminds the community to take preventive measures to slow the spread of COVID-19 by wearing a face covering, physically distancing by 6 feet or more, and staying home if you are sick. If you do develop symptoms, seek medical attention.

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Taney County Health Department Update  
August 7, 2020

The Taney County Health Department (TCHD) has confirmed the two most recently reported deaths are related to the nursing home cases reported on August 5, 2020. These two deaths are included in the current count of five. As of August 3, 2020, a total of 72 cases have been confirmed across 4 facilities.

“Our condolences go out to the families of these individuals.” states Lisa Marshall, Director of the Taney County Health Department. “TCHD continues to work with the 4 facilities and Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services (MODHSS) to test residents and staff and contain further spread.

Staff and management at these facilities are asking for the public’s help to curb the spread of COVID-19 in nursing homes and other residential care facilities by postponing visits. Individuals in these living facilities are at an increased risk of getting COVID-19 and at an increased risk of severe illness and death. The risk to those living in residential care facilities and nursing homes is increased due to the prevalence of COVID-19 in Taney County.

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Taney County Health Department Reports Four New COVID-19 Deaths  
August 11, 2020

The Taney County Health Department (TCHD) reports four new COVID-19 related deaths of Taney County residents. These four new deaths are associated with Taney County nursing homes. The TCHD continues to work with local nursing home facilities and the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services (MODHSS).

“We are sorry to announce four additional COVID-19 deaths of Taney County residents.” states Lisa Marshall, Director of the Taney County Health Department, “Our hearts go out to these individuals’ families.”

Today, Taney County reports 454 confirmed cases, 111 recovered, 177 cases under investigation, and a total of 9 deaths.

TCHD is encouraging Taney County residents and visitors to continue wearing facemasks, practicing social distancing, frequently washing hands, and staying home if you are sick. Human behaviors are the best line of defense against COVID-19 at this time.

Testing is still available in Taney County and those with symptoms are strongly encouraged to get tested. Seek testing through your healthcare provider or through a virtual visit by using the code COVID at: [www.coxhealth.com/services/virtualvisits](http://www.coxhealth.com/services/virtualvisits).

Symptoms of COVID-19 include:

- Fever or chills
- Cough
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

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Taney County Health Department COVID-19 Update  
August 13, 2020

The Taney County Health Department (TCHD) is grief stricken to announce the deaths of two Taney County residents from COVID-19. The total COVID-19 death count for Taney County is 11 as of August 12, 2020.

One of these two recent deaths is associated with a Taney County nursing home. The TCHD continues to work with local nursing home facilities and the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services (MODHSS).

The Health Department extends our condolences to loved ones at this tragic time.

The Taney County has 488 confirmed cases, 160 under investigation, 11 deaths, and 114 recovered.

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Taney County Health Department Offers Kindergarten Vaccination Clinic  
August 13, 2020

The Taney County Health Department will be offering a Kindergarten vaccination clinic to Taney County students on August 17, 2020. A face covering will be required for those participating.

**WHERE: Taney County Health Department Forsyth Office  
15479 US HWY 160 in Forsyth, MO**

**WHO: Incoming Taney County Kindergarteners**

**WHEN: August 17, 2020**

**TIME: 8:30 AM – Noon AND 1:00 – 5:30 PM**

Vaccinations are available on a first come, first serve basis and participants will be asked to wait in their vehicle until it is their turn. A parent or guardian must be present for children under the age of 18. If a parent will be sending their student with another person, an Authorization to Consent form is required and is available on our website [www.taneycohealth.org](http://www.taneycohealth.org) under the forms tab. Please print and have it signed before coming to the clinic.

Please be sure to bring the following with you;

- **Student's Immunization Record**
- **MO HealthNet or Insurance Card**
- **Photo ID of parent or guardian**

For those that qualify, a Department of Health and Senior Services vaccine is available. Private insurance is also accepted.

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Taney County Health Department COVID-19 Update  
August 19, 2020

The Taney County Health Department (TCHD) is grief stricken to announce the deaths of three Taney County residents from COVID-19. The total COVID-19 death count for Taney County is 14 as of August 19, 2020.

These three deaths are associated with Taney County nursing homes. The TCHD continues to work with local nursing home facilities and the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services (MODHSS).

The Health Department extends our condolences to loved ones at this tragic time.

Taney County has 542 confirmed cases, 201 under investigation, 14 deaths, and 122 recovered.

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Taney County Health Department COVID-19 Update  
August 26, 2020

The Taney County Health Department (TCHD) is deeply saddened to announce the deaths of two Taney County residents from COVID-19. The total COVID-19 death count for Taney County is 16 as of August 26, 2020.

The Health Department extends our condolences to those impacted by these losses.

The Taney County has 642 confirmed cases, 248 under investigation, 16 deaths, and 236 recovered.

TCHD would like to remind the community that all people are at risk of infection with COVID-19, but older persons and those with underlying health issues are at the greatest risk of serious illness and death. Please continue to wear a face covering when out in public, wash your hands frequently, and stay home if you are sick.

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Taney County Confirms Three Deaths Related to COVID-19  
September 8, 2020

The Taney County Health Department (TCHD) is deeply saddened to announce the deaths of three Taney County residents from COVID-19. Taney County has lost a total of 19 community members from COVID-19, as of September 8, 2020

The community has lost two males, one in his 80's and one in his 70's, and a female in her 90's.

The Health Department extends our condolences to those impacted by these losses.

TCHD would like to remind the community that all people are at risk of infection with COVID-19, but older persons and those with underlying health issues are at the greatest risk of serious illness and death. Please continue to wear a face covering when out in public, wash your hands frequently, and stay home if you are sick.

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### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**Taney County Health Department Announces Potential High-Risk Community Exposures  
September 22, 2020**

The Taney County Health Department is notifying the public of a potential high-risk exposure to COVID-19 at the God and Country Theater, September 9 through September 21, 2020.

The TCHD releases information on community exposures when COVID-19 case investigators are unable to identify or obtain contact information for all individuals that may have been exposed in a high-risk setting.

Risk levels for exposure vary based on four main factors:

**Enclosed spaces**

- Enclosed rooms and spaces allow COVID-19 to accumulate on surfaces and in the environment

**Duration of interaction**

- Spending more than 15 minutes near a COVID-19 positive individual within a 24-hour period increases risk
- Physically touching an individual, such as with a hug, handshake, or kiss also puts an individual at high risk

**Absence of social distancing**

- Crowds or other social settings increase the likelihood of coming within 6 feet of an individual with COVID-19

**Forceful exhalation**

- Activities such as coughing, sneezing, yelling, or singing increases the distance COVID-19 is expelled from the body and can project it beyond six feet

Individuals within six feet of a COVID-19 positive individual for 15 minutes or more, or those that came into physical contact such as with a hug or a handshake, are considered close contacts and should quarantine from others in order to stop the spread of COVID-19. If you suspect you may have been exposed at the location listed above, please contact the Taney County Health Department where an investigator with knowledge of the case can assess your risk.

If you were at the locations listed above, please monitor for symptoms. Promptly notify your healthcare provider for further guidance if symptoms develop.

Symptoms of COVID-19 include:

- New loss of taste or smell
- Cough
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Headache
- Fatigue

- Fever or chills
- Muscle or body aches
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

Taney County Health department is asking that everyone wear a face covering or mask, follow social distancing guidelines and stay home if you are sick.

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Taney County Health Department Updates COVID-19 Numbers  
October 6, 2020

The Taney County Health Department (TCHD) is saddened to confirm the deaths of three Taney County residents due to COVID-19. The first death was a female nursing home resident in her 90's. The second death was a male in his 70's. The third death was a female in her 40's. The total death count of Taney County residents with deaths caused by COVID-19 is now 31.

TCHD continues to encourage residents to take appropriate COVID-19 precautions as we enter the fall and winter seasons. These include physical distancing, hand hygiene, staying home when sick, and disinfecting commonly touched surfaces. TCHD also highly encourages residents to get a flu vaccination, as flu season is just around the corner.

“As we enter the flu and holiday seasons it is especially important to keep preventive measures in mind,” stated Lisa Marshall, Director of the Taney County Health Department. “Our goal is to prevent illness and the transmission of viruses. Currently, our best line of defense is human behaviors and we need our communities help to keep Taney County healthy.”

Our condolences go out to all the families who have lost loved ones due to COVID-19.

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Taney County Health Department Updates COVID-19 Numbers  
November 5, 2020

The Taney County Health Department (TCHD) is saddened to confirm the deaths of three Taney County residents due to COVID-19. The first death was a male in his 30's. The second death was a male in his 80's. The third death was a female in her 80's. The total of Taney County residents whose deaths can be attributed to COVID-19 is now 34.

TCHD continues to encourage residents to take appropriate COVID-19 precautions as we enter the fall and winter seasons. These include physical distancing, hand hygiene, staying home when sick, wearing a face covering, and disinfecting commonly touched surfaces. TCHD also highly encourages residents to get a flu vaccination, as flu season is just around the corner.

"As we approach fall and holiday seasons, prevention is of utmost importance, states Lisa Marshall, TCHD Director. "Cooler weather encourages indoor gatherings, which increases opportunities for transmission. We need our community to continue their diligence in hand hygiene, physical distancing, watching gathering sizes, staying home when sick, and wearing face coverings."

Our condolences go out to all the families who have lost loved ones due to COVID-19.

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Taney County Health Department Updates COVID-19 Numbers  
December 3, 2020

The Taney County Health Department (TCHD) is saddened to confirm the deaths of four Taney County residents due to COVID-19. The first death was a male in his 70's. The second death was a male in his 80's. The third death was a female in her 70's. The fourth death was a female in her 60's. The total of Taney County residents whose deaths can be attributed to COVID-19 is now 38.

TCHD continues to encourage residents to take appropriate COVID-19 precautions as we enter the fall and winter seasons. These include physical distancing, hand hygiene, staying home when sick, wearing a face covering, and disinfecting commonly touched surfaces. TCHD also highly encourages residents to get a flu vaccination, as flu season is here.

"As we approach winter and holiday seasons, prevention is of utmost importance," states Lisa Marshall, TCHD Director. "Cooler weather encourages indoor gatherings, which increases opportunities for transmission. We need our community to continue their diligence in hand hygiene, physical distancing, watching gathering sizes, staying home when sick, and wearing face coverings."

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Taney County Health Department Updates COVID-19 Numbers  
December 10, 2020

The Taney County Health Department (TCHD) is saddened to confirm the deaths of eight Taney County residents due to COVID-19. The first death was a male in his 80's. The second death was a male in his 50's. The third and fourth deaths were females in their 80's. The fifth death was a male in his 70's. The sixth and seventh deaths were females in their 80's. The eighth death was a female in her late teens. The total of Taney County residents whose deaths can be attributed to COVID-19 is now 46.

TCHD continues to encourage residents to take appropriate COVID-19 precautions as we enter the fall and winter seasons. These include physical distancing, hand hygiene, staying home when sick, wearing a face covering, and disinfecting commonly touched surfaces. TCHD also highly encourages residents to get a flu vaccination, as flu season is here.

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## Taney County Health Department Updates Quarantine and Contact Tracing Guidelines December 17, 2020

In response to the updated CDC guidelines regarding COVID-19 quarantines, the Taney County Health Department (TCHD) Board of Trustees voted to partially adopt the guidelines on Monday, December 14, 2020. The CDC does recommend a 14-day quarantine for those that are able. Those who do not have symptoms can quarantine for the shorter 10 days as long as they monitor for symptoms and wear a face covering for the full 14 days. New guidelines only apply to individuals that are asymptomatic and do not apply to nursing homes and long-term care facilities.

The TCHD quarantine update recommendations are as follows:

- Follow the CDC guidance and end quarantine after the completion of 10 full days for **asymptomatic** individuals living outside of nursing homes and long-term care facilities.
- Individuals released from quarantine after 10 full days, must continue to monitor for symptoms and wear a face covering for 14 days.
- Continue to advise community members to engage in preventive measures at all times.
- Continue to recommend a 14-day quarantine for those that are able.

“TCHD recognizes the hardship a 14-day quarantine can have on Taney County residents, especially if you are feeling fine and can not go to work.” states Lisa Marshall, Director of TCHD, “We are hopeful that this change in quarantine will meet the needs of the community while continuing to promote health and safety throughout the county.”

Due to the high rates of transmission in Taney County and availability of testing resources, TCHD will **NOT** follow the 7 day test out option. This will be reevaluated once the county has reached the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services (MODHSS) Category 2: Critical Risk, and maintains this status for 7 days.

The Taney County Health Department Board of Trustees also adopted new MODHSS guidelines regarding contact tracing on December 14, 2020. These new guidelines encourage high burden counties, such as Taney County, to redirect resources from contact tracing to case investigations and other community mitigation strategies. TCHD is currently providing limited contact tracing outside of the school setting, certain high-risk settings, and businesses that have requested assistance.

In response, a new “Self-Report a COVID-19 Exposure” tool is available on the TCHD website. This tool allows individuals to self-report their exposure and receive documentation for their quarantine and release date in a timely fashion. TCHD is encouraging COVID-19 positive individuals to alert the people they were within 6 feet of for 15 minutes or more during the 48 hours prior to their first symptom, or the 48 hours prior to their test if they were asymptomatic. These individuals are considered close contacts that have been exposed to COVID-19 and should be alerted as quickly as possible so they can take appropriate steps to protect their health and the health of their loved ones.

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