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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

Taney County Health Department Updates COVID-19 Numbers  
January 8, 2021

The Taney County Health Department (TCHD) is saddened to confirm the deaths of nine Taney County residents due to COVID-19. The individuals passed mid-November into December. The death's included 2 males in their 60's, 2 males in their 70's, and 2 males in their 80's. The deaths of 3 females, one in her 70's, one in her 80's and one in her 90's have also been confirmed. The total of Taney County residents whose deaths can be attributed to COVID-19 is now 55.

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

TCHD continues to encourage residents to take appropriate COVID-19 precautions as we continue to move through the winter months. 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.

"Prevention is of utmost importance, especially during the winter months." 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 Announces COVID-19 Vaccination Plan January 14, 2021

The Taney County Health Department (TCHD) is notifying the public of an expansion in the qualifying categories for COVID-19 vaccination. This expansion follows Governor Parson's announcement today that local public health agencies may begin vaccinating these additional groups in the order outlined below. Vaccinations of individuals in these groups will occur as soon as TCHD receives vaccine. TCHD is expecting to receive its first doses of the vaccine next week.

Effective immediately, non-patient facing public health infrastructure, first responders, emergency management and public works, and emergency services sector are eligible for vaccination. This category includes all employees working in law enforcement, fire and rescue services, emergency medical services, emergency management, and public works.

High-risk individuals in the following categories become eligible beginning Monday, January 18<sup>th</sup>:

Anyone aged 65 and older

Adults with the following conditions:

- Cancer
- Chronic Kidney Disease
- COPD (Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease)
- Intellectual and/or developmental disabilities such as Down syndrome
- Heart Conditions such as heart failure, CAD (coronary artery disease) or cardiomyopathies
- Immunocompromised state from solid organ transplant
- Severe Obesity (BMI >40kg/m<sup>2</sup>)
- Pregnancy
- Sickle Cell Disease
- Type 2 Diabetes Mellitus

Individuals interested in receiving the vaccine can submit their information on the TCHD website at [www.taneycohealth.org](http://www.taneycohealth.org). The link is also available on TCHD's Facebook page. After completing the form, individuals will be contacted for further information and to schedule an appointment.

TCHD is currently expecting to receive the Pfizer vaccine, which requires two doses, 21-days apart. Pfizer's published data states that the vaccine reaches 95% immunity seven-days after the second dose is administered.

"We are excited to bring this vaccine to our residents." states Lisa Marshall, Director of the Taney County Health Department. "Something of this magnitude has never been done before, and we continue to ask for your patience and understanding."

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Taney County Health Department Updates COVID-19 Numbers  
January 25, 2021

The Taney County Health Department (TCHD) is saddened to confirm the deaths of 13 Taney County residents due to COVID-19. The individuals passed from the end of November into early January.

The deaths include:

- 4 females in their 70's
- 3 females in their 80's
- 2 females in their 90's
- 3 males in their 80's
- 1 male in his 90's

The total of Taney County residents whose deaths can be attributed to COVID-19 is now 68.

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TCHD continues to encourage residents to take appropriate COVID-19 precautions as we move through the winter months. 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 sign up for the COVID-19 vaccination wait list at [www.taneycohealth.org](http://www.taneycohealth.org).

"We are saddened to see the number of deaths associated with COVID-19 increase, and ask community members to stay the course", states Lisa Marshall, TCHD Director. "Prevention and vaccination are our best lines of defense and we are encouraging our community to receive the vaccine when it is available and they are eligible."

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 Vaccinates 3152 Residents Against COVID-19  
February 17, 2021

The Taney County Health Department (TCHD), in conjunction with the Missouri National Guard, vaccinated 1200 Taney County Residents against COVID-19, on Saturday, February 13, 2021. “This clinic would not have been possible without the National Guard and the many volunteers who came out to help.” Lisa Marshall Director of TCHD, “Thank you to everyone who gave up their Saturday and made it happen.”

To date, TCHD has vaccinated 3152 residents and 1487 residents have had both first and second doses. Vaccine supply continues to be the biggest obstacle in vaccinating residents as quickly as possible. Each week, the state of Missouri receives approximately 76,000 vaccines. These vaccines are distributed across the state in the following way:

- 53% to hospitals (ie Cox and Mercy)
- 23% to National Guard for regional mass vaccination clinics
- 8% to Local Public Health Agencies (ie TCHD)
- 8% to Federally Qualified Health Centers (ie Jordan Valley)
- 8% to other enrolled providers or “community providers” requesting vaccine (ie pharmacies)

“We are encouraging residents to get on as many wait lists as possible.” states Lisa Marshall, Director of TCHD, “Hospitals are receiving the majority of the vaccine, and will be able to vaccinate those on their waiting lists quicker simply because of supply.”

TCHD continues to follow the guidelines for distributing the vaccine set forth by the State of Missouri. Currently we are vaccinating those in Phase 1B tier 2.

For a complete list of the priority groups, visit <https://covidvaccine.mo.gov>

Taney County Health Department is committed to vaccinating the residents of Taney County as quickly as possible. Please continue to practice masking, physically distancing, and hand washing and thank you for your patience.

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February 25, 2021

The Taney County Health Department (TCHD) is saddened to confirm the deaths of 17, previously unreported, Taney County residents due to COVID-19. The individuals passed during the months of December, January, and February.

The deaths include:

- 5 males in their 80's
- 5 males and 2 females in their 70's
- 3 females in their 60's
- 1 male and 1 female in their 50's

The total of Taney County residents whose deaths can be attributed to COVID-19 is now 85.

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TCHD continues to encourage residents to take appropriate COVID-19 precautions as we move through the winter months. 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 the COVID-19 vaccine by signing up for the wait list at [www.taneycohealth.org](http://www.taneycohealth.org).

"We are saddened to see the number of deaths associated with COVID-19 increase, and remind community members that prevention and vaccination are our best lines of defense," states Lisa Marshall, TCHD Director. "We are encouraging our community to receive the vaccine when it is available and they are eligible."

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 to Host  
Two Day Vaccine Clinic April 1 & 2  
March 30, 2021

The Taney County Health Department will be supported by the Missouri National Guard in hosting a two-day COVID-19 vaccine clinic this Thursday, April 1 and Friday, April 2. TCHD plans to vaccinate nearly 2400 individuals with the Pfizer vaccine during the two-day clinic.

Those interested in receiving a vaccine can schedule their appointment at:  
<https://hipaa.jotform.com/210804609490151> or call 417-334-4544 ext 570 and leave a message.

"Phase two, which is open now, includes anyone working in the hospitality and tourism industry," states Lisa Marshall, TCHD Director. "We are highly encouraging our community to get vaccinated, especially those in public facing roles. These vaccines are safe and effective and provide another important tool to keep the virus from spreading."

The vaccine clinic will be held at the Shoppes at Branson Meadows, 4562 Gretna Road, Branson and will run from 9am-4pm on Thursday and 9am -1pm on Friday. To qualify for this event, you must live in Missouri or work in Taney County, you must be 18 or over (16 and up with a legal guardian), and you must qualify as Phase 1 or Phase 2.

Check here to see if you qualify: <https://covidvaccine.mo.gov/priority/>

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May 14, 2021

The Taney County Health Department Endorses the End of Masking for Fully Vaccinated Individuals in Most Settings.

The Taney County Health Department (TCHD) has endorsed The Center for Disease Control (CDC) and Prevention's announcement that fully vaccinated people no longer need to wear masks or physically distance except where required. TCHD does want to remind the public that masking should still be observed when required by law and in all businesses and workplaces that require masking for entry.

This announcement is based on recent scientific data showing that:

- Case rates in the country have come down by 1/3 likely due to the scale up vaccinations in the last 2 weeks
- New science is showing that the vaccine is working in the real world setting just as well as it did in the trials, and it is effective against the variants
- The science is showing that fully vaccinated people are not getting asymptomatic COVID and are not transmitting it to unvaccinated people
- The vaccine is now available to everyone who is eligible to receive one

“Nearly 120 Million Americans are now fully vaccinated. All science-based evidence points to vaccination being the safest and most effective way for Americans to return to normal life.” states Lisa Marshall, Director of the Taney County Health Department, “Vaccines work and they replace the need for vaccinated individuals to wear a mask and social distance.”

The vaccinated community is asked to continue to respect local businesses' choice to keep policies in place that require masking as a means to protect their business, their employees, and their patrons. In many cases, refusing to wear a mask in these establishments may qualify as trespassing even for vaccinated individuals. Additionally, fully vaccinated individuals may choose to continue to wear a mask when out in public.

The CDC recommends that immunocompromised individuals consult with their physician regarding mask use even if they are fully vaccinated.

Fully vaccinated individuals should continue to get tested if they are experiencing COVID-19 symptoms and follow CDC recommendations and guidelines.

Vaccines are readily available through the Taney County Health Department, for more information or to schedule an appointment, please call 417-334-4544 ext 570 visit our website at [www.taneycohealth.org](http://www.taneycohealth.org), or like our FaceBook, Instagram and Pinterest pages.

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Taney County Health Department Updates COVID-19 Numbers  
May 26, 2021

The Taney County Health Department (TCHD) is saddened to confirm the deaths of 9, previously unreported, Taney County residents due to COVID-19. The individuals passed during the months of March, April, and May.

The deaths include:

- 1 female in her 30's
- 3 females and 2 males in their 60's
- 2 males in their 70's
- 1 male in his 90's

The total of Taney County residents whose deaths can be attributed to COVID-19 is now 102.

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

TCHD continues to encourage residents who are not completely vaccinated to take appropriate COVID-19 precautions including physical distancing and wearing a face covering. TCHD is asking everyone to continue to practice good hand hygiene and stay home if you are sick. TCHD highly encourages everyone 12 years of age and older to get the COVID-19 vaccine.

"We are saddened to see the number of deaths associated with COVID-19 continue and remind community members that prevention and vaccination are our best lines of defense," states Lisa Marshall, TCHD Director. "We are encouraging our community to get the vaccine to slow the spread of the virus."

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  
July 9, 2021

The Taney County Health Department (TCHD) is saddened to confirm the deaths of 6, previously unreported, Taney County residents due to COVID-19. The individuals passed during the month of June.

The deaths include:

- 4 individuals in their 70's
- 1 individual in their 80's
- 1 individual in their 90's

The total of Taney County residents whose deaths can be attributed to COVID-19 is now 108.

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

TCHD reminds residents that there are three tools available to lessen their likelihood of getting COVID-19: vaccination, physical distancing, and wearing a face covering. TCHD is asking everyone to continue to practice good hand hygiene and stay home when sick. TCHD highly encourages everyone 12 years of age and older to get the COVID-19 vaccine.

"We are saddened to see the number of deaths associated with COVID-19 continue to increase and remind community members that prevention and vaccination are our best lines of defense," states Lisa Marshall, TCHD Director. "We continue to offer the COVID-19 vaccine to the public and encourage anyone wanting to get it, or any community organizations, businesses, or churches interested in hosting a vaccine clinic at their location to reach out to our department."

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## **Taney County Health Department Updates COVID-19 Numbers July 30, 2021**

The Taney County Health Department (TCHD) is saddened to confirm the deaths of 6, previously unreported, Taney County residents due to COVID-19. One individual passed in the month of June, and 5 in the month of July.

The deaths include:

- 2 individuals in their 40's
- 1 individual in their 60's
- 1 individual in their 70's
- 2 individuals in their 80's

The total of Taney County residents whose deaths can be attributed to COVID-19 is now 114.

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TCHD continues to remind the community that there are three tools available to lessen their likelihood of getting COVID-19: vaccination, physical distancing, and wearing a face covering. The public is being asked to consider using more than one of these tools as part of a multi-layered approach due to the prevalence and severity of the Delta variant. Practicing good hand hygiene and staying home when sick continues to be important in reducing the spread of the disease. TCHD is encouraging everyone 12 years of age and older to get the COVID-19 vaccine.

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

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## COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic for Everyone 12 Years and Older August 5, 2021

The Taney County Health Department (TCHD) and Branson Public Schools are announcing a collaborative COVID-19 vaccine clinic. The two-day clinic is open to everyone 12 years of age and older and will be held Friday, August 13 and Saturday, August 14.

Vaccine Clinic details are as follows:

- **Who:** Everyone 12 years of age and older
- **When:** August 13-14, 9:00am to 1:00pm
- **Where:** 4340 Gretna Road, Branson, MO
- **How:** Appointments are recommended but walk-ins are welcome.  
Visit <https://www.taneycohealth.org/covid19-vaccine/> to register.

“Getting vaccinated before the school year begins is a great way to reduce the spread of COVID-19,” states Lisa Marshall, Director of the Taney County Health Department. “It will also help keep kids in school since fully vaccinated individuals aren’t required to quarantine after an exposure.”

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**Taney County Health Department Updates COVID-19 Numbers  
August 10, 2021**

The Taney County Health Department (TCHD) is saddened to confirm the deaths of 5, previously unreported, Taney County residents due to COVID-19. All of these individuals passed in the month of July.

The deaths include:

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

The total of Taney County residents whose deaths can be attributed to COVID-19 is now 119.

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

TCHD continues to remind the community that there are three tools available to lessen their likelihood of getting COVID-19: vaccination, physical distancing, and wearing a face covering. The public is being asked to consider using more than one of these tools as part of a multi-layered approach due to the prevalence and severity of the Delta variant. Practicing good hand hygiene and staying home when sick continues to be important in reducing the spread of the disease. TCHD is encouraging everyone 12 years of age and older to get the COVID-19 vaccine.

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Taney County Health Department Updates COVID-19 Numbers  
August 31, 2021

The Taney County Health Department (TCHD) is saddened to confirm the deaths of 7, previously unreported, Taney County residents due to COVID-19. The total of Taney County residents whose deaths can be attributed to COVID-19 is now 134.

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These individuals passed in the months of July and August.

- 2 individuals in their 50's
- 3 individuals in their 70's
- 1 individual in their 80's
- 1 individual in their 90's

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September 8, 2021

The Taney County Health Department (TCHD) is saddened to confirm the deaths of 10, previously unreported, Taney County residents due to COVID-19. The total of Taney County residents whose deaths can be attributed to COVID-19 is now 144.

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TCHD continues to remind the community that there are three tools available to decrease the likelihood of getting COVID-19: vaccination, physical distancing, and wearing a face covering. The public is being asked to consider using more than one of these tools as part of a multi-layered approach due to the prevalence and severity of the Delta variant. Practicing good hand hygiene and staying home when sick continues to be important in reducing the spread of the disease. TCHD encourages everyone 12 years of age and older to get vaccinated.

These individuals passed in the month of August.

- 1 individual in their 30's
- 2 individuals in their 50's
- 3 individuals in their 60's
- 2 individuals in their 70's
- 2 individuals in their 80's

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

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Taney County Health Department Updates COVID-19 Numbers  
October 5, 2021

The Taney County Health Department (TCHD) is saddened to confirm the deaths of 5, previously unreported, Taney County residents due to COVID-19. One individual passed in the month of July, three in the month of August, and two in the month of September.

The deaths include:

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

The total of Taney County residents whose deaths can be attributed to COVID-19 is now 149.

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TCHD continues to remind the community that there are three tools available to lessen their likelihood of getting COVID-19: vaccination, physical distancing, and wearing a face covering. The public is being asked to consider using more than one of these tools as part of a multi-layered approach due to the prevalence and severity of the Delta variant. Practicing good hand hygiene and staying home when sick continues to be important in reducing the spread of the disease. TCHD is encouraging everyone 12 years of age and older to get the COVID-19 vaccine.

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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**  
Taney County Health Department Offering Booster Shots  
October 14, 2021

The Taney County Health Department began providing COVID-19 booster doses on October 12<sup>th</sup> and will hold clinics from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm every Tuesday and Thursday at the Shoppes at Branson Meadows, 4562 Gretna Road.

Walk-ins are welcome but appointments are recommended. Appointments can be made by visiting our website at [www.taneycohealth.org](http://www.taneycohealth.org) or calling: 417-334-4544 ext. 590.

To receive a booster dose, you must be 18 years of age or older and already received two doses of the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine. The booster dose must come at least six months after your most recent dose.

On September 27, 2021, the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services (MODHSS) released guidance on providing a COVID-19 booster vaccine to certain portions of the population. This guidance is based on data which shows that a booster dose of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine may provide additional protection against COVID-19.

For more information: <https://health.mo.gov/news/newsitem/uuid/547d16b8-72a3-47c9-8176-8c227c3f7343/pfizer-covid-19-booster-shots-now-being-administered-to-eligible-missourians>

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**Taney County Health Department Updates COVID-19 Numbers  
October 15, 2021**

The Taney County Health Department (TCHD) is saddened to confirm the deaths of 6, previously unreported, Taney County residents due to COVID-19. One individual passed in the month of July, two in the month of August, and three in the month of September.

The deaths include:

- 1 individual in their 40's
- 1 individual in their 50's
- 1 individual in their 60's
- 1 individual in their 70's
- 2 individuals in their 80's

The total of Taney County residents whose deaths can be attributed to COVID-19 is now 155.

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TCHD continues to remind the community that there are three tools available to lessen their likelihood of getting COVID-19: vaccination, physical distancing, and wearing a face covering. The public is being asked to consider using more than one of these tools as part of a multi-layered approach due to the prevalence and severity of the Delta variant. Practicing good hand hygiene and staying home when sick continues to be important in reducing the spread of the disease. TCHD is encouraging everyone 12 years of age and older to get the COVID-19 vaccine.

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Taney County Health Department Updates COVID-19 Numbers  
December 8, 2021

The Taney County Health Department (TCHD) is saddened to confirm the deaths of 4, previously unreported, Taney County residents due to COVID-19. Three individuals passed in the month of October, and one in the month of November.

The deaths include:

- 2 individuals in their 70's
- 2 individuals in their 80's

The total of Taney County residents whose deaths can be attributed to COVID-19 is now 158.

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Taney County Health Department Updates COVID-19 Numbers  
February 11, 2022

The Taney County Health Department (TCHD) is saddened to confirm the deaths of 10, previously unreported, Taney County residents due to COVID-19. One individual passed in the month of November, three in the month of December, and six in the month of January.

The deaths include:

- 1 individual in their 40's
- 1 individual in their 50's
- 3 individuals in their 60's
- 2 individuals in their 70's
- 2 individuals in their 80's
- 1 individual in their 90's

The total of Taney County residents whose deaths can be attributed to COVID-19 is now 174.

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

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

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Taney County Health Department Updates COVID-19 Numbers  
February 23, 2022

The Taney County Health Department (TCHD) is saddened to confirm the deaths of 7, previously unreported, Taney County residents due to COVID-19. Four individuals passed in the month of January, and three in the month of February.

The deaths include:

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

The total of Taney County residents whose deaths can be attributed to COVID-19 is now 181.

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

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1 in their 50's  
3 in their 60's  
3 in their 70's

Total: 181

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Taney County Health Department Updates COVID-19 Numbers  
March 8, 2022

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

The deaths include:

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

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

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**Taney County Health Department Announces Closure of Vaccination Site  
March 7, 2022**

The Taney County Health Department (TCHD) will close the vaccine site at the Branson Meadows Mall, 4562 Gretna Road, on Thursday, March 31, 2022. Vaccines are still available at both TCHD offices.

“We are incredibly proud to have delivered 13,000 vaccines at this site and helped Taney County reach 41% fully vaccinated.” states Lisa Marshall, Director of TCHD. “Vaccines are still available and will be administered at our offices in Branson and Forsyth.”

The TCHD will offer COVID vaccines and boosters at the following locations:

- Branson 320 Rinehart Road
- Forsyth 15479 US Highway 160

Appointments can be made by calling: 417-334-4544 ext. 590 or going to [www.taneycohealth.org](http://www.taneycohealth.org)

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Respiratory Illnesses on the Rise  
November 2, 2022

Respiratory illnesses such as the flu, COVID-19, and Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV) are being diagnosed earlier than normal this year, especially in children. A respiratory illness is an infection of the lungs, airways, sinuses, or throat. Respiratory illnesses can happen year-round and tend to increase significantly during the colder months, as people spend more time indoors.

Respiratory illnesses can be prevented by good hand washing, staying home if you are sick and getting vaccinated against the flu and COVID-19. Currently, there is no vaccine for RSV. Please call the Taney County Health Department to schedule your appointment for a vaccine today.

According to the Center for Disease Control (CDC), the flu, and COVID-19 have similar symptoms, making it hard to tell which one you have. A symptom that may be unique to COVID-19 is the loss of taste or smell.

Symptoms of the flu, and COVID-19 include:

- Fever
- Chills
- Headaches
- Cough
- Muscle soreness
- Fatigue
- Vomiting
- Diarrhea
- Shortness of breath
- Runny nose
- Sore throat

RSV can infect anyone but is most dangerous in infants and the elderly. The symptoms of RSV are like a cold. Symptoms of RSV can be severe in infants and the elderly and can include fevers and wheezing. Some cases may require hospitalization, but most infections run their course within 1 to 2 weeks. If your baby is unusually tired, breathing rapidly or has bluish fingernails, call 911 or go to the ER immediately.

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