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(MACON, MO) – Macon County Health Department has confirmed a new positive COVID-19 case in Macon County. This is the third case since the virus entered our community back in March. This case has impacted our southern Macon County communities to include the Amish community. We have asked the person who tested positive to isolate themselves from the community and their family to self-quarantine.

In conducting contact tracing whereby we work to determine where the virus was originally spread, we have determined that this person could have been infected at a large mass gathering on May 13 in south Macon County. We ask that anyone who attended this event who is experiencing any of the following symptoms, or, anyone who has come in contact with someone who attended this event that is symptomatic, to contact the Macon County Health Department:

- Fever over 100.4
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Chills
- Repeated shaking with chills
- Muscle pain
- Headache
- Sore throat
- New loss of taste or smell
- Nausea, vomiting, and/or diarrhea

Young people and children, and older people with strong immune systems who get COVID-19 will most likely recover with few or no problems. Those most vulnerable are elderly people and those with compromised immune systems such as people with diabetes, cancer, asthma, and other chronic disease.

For those who are experiencing any of the COVID-19 symptoms, please contact the health department at 660-395-7618 or 660-651-5737.

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