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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: PHASE 2

The Macon County Health Department met with the County Commissioners and city officials from throughout the county today via conference call. The purpose of this call was to discuss Governor Parson's phase two guidelines and how it impacts Macon County. Governor Parson announced Thursday June 11 that he will let the current guidelines expire after June 15 and allow the economy to fully open with good public health practices. It was of general agreement among all present to follow the Governor's guidelines for entering phase two for reopening.

In Governor Parson's statement: "We must remember that COVID-19 is not gone. Be proactive. Avoid large, congested crowds, and if you can't social distance, take extra precautions to protect yourself and those around you. We all know how to do this now, and it is up to us to take responsibility for our own actions." Businesses and citizens are strongly advised to:

- continue social distancing of at least 6 feet
- practice proper hand hygiene
- ensure routine sanitizing of highly touched areas
- wearing face masks/coverings in public especially when social distancing cannot be followed
- stay home if you aren't feeling well
- businesses maintain Plexiglas barriers already in place for staff and patron protection

It is the personal responsibility of all individuals and businesses to follow and promote these public health practices to help contain the spread of disease. Following these practices will help reduce the spread of COVID-19 and protect the health of our community.

The Macon County Health Department is available 7 days a week. If you have any questions or concerns regarding the reopening process, regulations for businesses or as a community member, please reach out to the Macon County Health Department at 660-395-4711 (option 2 if after hours).

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