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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: COVID-19 Update

(Macon County, MO) Macon County Health Department announces 3 new positive COVID-19 cases. Macon County's total is now 48 cases with 15 active cases of which 3 are hospitalized. Health Department contact tracers are in touch daily with active positive cases and release those from isolation as they get well and meet criteria to be released.

On Monday July 20 the National Guard performed mass testing on Missouri residents at the Macon County Park with results expected to begin coming after 72 hours. The process was that the National Guard would notify all who tested, whether positive or negative, and then send positive results immediately to DHSS who would in turn immediately notify the health department in the positive person's county of residence. At this time, it is not known how many of the 249 that were tested, were Macon County residents. As of this morning, Macon County Health Department has received 125 results from the National Guard's testing with 2 new positive cases from those results. These new cases were close contacts to previous positive cases and were already in self-quarantine at the time of testing.

Contact investigations have been completed on all active cases. Positive persons are isolated and close contacts are in self-quarantine. The best safeguards anyone can take to prevent getting COVID-19 are social distancing when in public, wearing a face mask especially when social distancing cannot be met or when in large crowds, practicing good hand hygiene, and routine disinfecting of common touch surfaces.

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