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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: New positive COVID-19 cases

Macon County Health Department announces its 13th and 14th positive COVID-19 cases. These cases are community spread in association with previous positive cases and they have been in quarantine pending test results but are now in isolation. These last six cases over the weekend are related to a recent revival held at Open Arms Baptist Church in Macon from June 28-July 1, 2020. This revival brought in members of other churches both inside and outside of the county. The origin of this spread – or how COVID-19 entered this event – is unknown. Pastor Wills and members of the congregation are working closely with Macon County Health Department with contact investigation in order to contain the spread. People testing positive from this event range from being asymptomatic to mild symptoms that include fever, cough, fatigue, congestion, chills and aches. The health department asks that anyone who attended this event please self-quarantine through July 15. If going out for essential services, practice social distancing and wear a mask at all times. Should you feel any one of these symptoms contact your primary care provider for testing, or, call the health department for instruction:

- Fever (any degree)
- Cough
- Shortness of breath
- Chills
- Fatigue
- Diarrhea
- Nausea or vomiting
- Loss of taste or smell
- Congestion or runny nose
- Sore throat
- Headache
- Muscle or body aches

Macon County is a host to other events this summer that will bring in people from out of county and perhaps out of state. It is vital to inform people not to attend if not feeling well. Event organizers should manage social distancing as best as possible; have hand hygiene available; and, encourage event staff and visitors to wear masks. If you plan to attend a summer event, practice social distancing and wear a face mask.

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