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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: New positive COVID-19 cases

(Macon County, MO) Macon County Health Department has been conducting contact tracing for 19 confirmed positive COVID-19 cases since this outbreak began on Friday July 3, plus an additional 6 presumptive positive cases. When a person is presumptive positive it means that they are a close contact with a confirmed positive and they have COVID-19 symptoms, but have not been tested. All but 1 case are related to the revival held at the end of June.

Following is a summary of cases since COVID-19 first entered Macon County:

- 18 current active cases (since July 3)
- 6 presumptive positive (since July 3)
- 2 active positive hospitalized (prior to and since July 3)
- 7 released from isolation (prior to July 3)

All confirmed and presumptive positive cases have been advised to isolate and close contacts to positive individuals have been advised to self-quarantine.

People testing positive range from being asymptomatic to mild symptoms that include fever, cough, fatigue, congestion, chills and aches. 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 several 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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