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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: COVID-19 Positive cases

(Macon County, MO) – The Macon County Health Department announces 2 new cases of COVID-19 in the county. One is a female age 20-29 and one is a female age 60-69. One is community spread and one is travel related outside the county.

At the time of this press release, the following numbers are accurate of COVID-19 in Macon County –

- 78 positive cases
- 13 active positive cases
- 0 hospitalized
- 65 released from isolation

The state of Missouri has 69,417 cases of COVID-19, which increased by 794 new cases in the last 24 hours.

Symptoms of COVID-19 can range from mild to severe and can vary person to person. Symptoms include fever, cough, congestion, runny nose, muscle aches, unexplained headache or fatigue, new loss of taste or smell, abnormal shortness of breath and/or nausea/vomiting and diarrhea. If you have any symptoms of COVID-19 or think you have been exposed, please self-quarantine and contact your healthcare provider by phone.

With cases increasing and school starting, the Macon County Health Department urges everyone to take preventative measures to help prevent the spread of COVID-19 in our county and our state. It is important to practice good hand hygiene, avoid touching your face and practice good cleaning techniques, especially of frequently touched surfaces. Practicing social distancing (6 feet apart) between yourself and those not in your household can prevent the transfer of respiratory droplets. Wearing a mask that covers the mouth and nose, especially in areas where social distancing cannot be maintained, can help prevent the transfer of COVID-19.

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