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### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

(Macon County, MO) – We have heard rumors and have gotten questions about contact tracing. Please know that by Missouri State Statute 19 CSR 20-20, we continue to isolate people testing positive for COVID-19 and quarantine close contacts per CDC guidelines. Health department staff are available, and work 7 days a week as necessary to help contain the spread of disease.

We maintain daily contact with positive people in isolation. Due to the current number of close contacts in quarantine, especially those associated recently with schools, we try to make personal contact but are working closely with schools to help with the notification process in order to alert people more quickly of their contact with a positive person and instructions for quarantine.

We have to trust that as citizens of this county, those contacted by phone or letter will follow the instructions provided to them and maintain quarantine for the entire period, for the health of their family, friends, and others they may come in contact with in the community.

Those that knowingly break orders for quarantine, and are caught, are in violation of Missouri State Statute 192.320 and are guilty of a class A misdemeanor. Also, under this statute, those that knowingly conceal a case of infectious disease are guilty of a class A misdemeanor. For the most part, the citizens we have worked with during contact investigations are concerned about their health and the health of their families, and are conscientious about following quarantine instructions. And for that we are grateful.

Macon County added 8 new cases of COVID-19. Three are female under 19, one is male age 30-39, one is female age 20-29, one is female age 50-59 and two are male age 50-59. Four cases are community spread, one is from college and three are from area schools.

At the time of this press release, the following reflects cases of COVID-19 in Macon County –

- 162 positive cases
- 41 active positive cases
- 2 hospitalizations (included in the active positive case count)
- 121 released from isolation

Macon County currently has 1 positive case of influenza A.

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