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(Macon County, MO) – Macon County residents continue to be vaccinated. The state is now vaccinating Phase 1 – Tier 3 critical infrastructure residents that include education, childcare, communications, energy, food/agriculture, government, IT sector, transportation, and water/wastewater systems. To date per DHSS dashboard, 4,779 vaccines have been given to residents: 3,317 initial doses and 1,646 completed 2-dose series (1 unaccounted for dose). Currently, 20.8% of the population have had at least one dose of the COVID-19 vaccine. Macon County Health Department and Samaritan Hospital continue to partner to provide vaccination clinics targeted toward the Phase 1 population.

Macon County is now seeing a resurgence of COVID-19 with the virus actively spreading within the community. Our case rate and positivity rate are rising. We had a 4-week stretch between February 7th – March 6th with 6-7 cases each week, last week March 7 – 13th, we had 20 new cases (by test date) and this week March 14 – March 20th, we saw 25 new cases (by test date). Since our last press release on March 17th, we are announcing 24 cases with ages ranging from child to elderly adult. We caution residents to be diligent with mitigation measures to curb this increase – social distance where possible and mask when not able to distance.

- 24 active cases
- 1 hospitalized
- 15 deaths
- 1,536 total positive cases

