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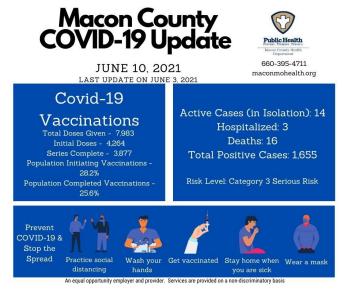
(Macon County, MO) – During the week of June 2 – June 8, 2021, there were 11 new cases of COVID-19. Currently, there are 14 active cases with 3 residents hospitalized. Of these 11 new cases none were vaccinated. Of the 41 new cases in the last 3-week period, only one was vaccinated and they experienced mild symptoms.

Macon County is continuing a small spike in cases in mainly unvaccinated residents. Our neighboring counties, Linn and Livingston, have been seeing an explosion of new COVID-19 cases in this past month. These counties made national news as having the highest number of new cases in the country. Livingston County daily cases have more than doubled to 20-25 new cases a day; and, Linn County has "reached a level of transmission not seen before during the pandemic" with 200 active cases.

COVID-19 vaccines are starting to prove safe and effective in preventing transmission and reducing the health effects for those few vaccinated people who get infected. The Pfizer vaccine is proving to be 95% effective; Moderna vaccine is 94.1% effective; and, the Johnson & Johnson vaccine is 72% effective. Both Pfizer and Moderna are a 2-shot series. All 3 vaccines are free and available in Macon County at local vaccinators such as Macon County Health Department and Samaritan Hospital, as well as some local pharmacies. The nurses at the health department are knowledgeable and willing to answer any questions you may have about the vaccines.

The following reflects COVID-19 in Macon County as of the end of the day on June 8, 2021 –

- 14 active cases
- 3 hospitalized
- 16 deaths
- 1,655 total cases since March 2020



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