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(Macon County, MO) – During the week of August 18 – August 24, there were 39 new cases of COVID-19. Currently, there are 49 active cases with 5 residents hospitalized. Of these 39 new cases, 5 were vaccinated, and, there was 1 new case of reinfection. Of the last 423 cases, 371 were not vaccinated. We tracked 134 new cases through August 23 compared to 87 new cases the first 23 days of July. Last week we announced DHSS had sent notice that Macon County has recorded an additional 3 deaths although their dashboard does not reflect these additional deaths. We received no notice this week of any COVID-related deaths in our county.

Of the 39 positive cases, 4 were under 19 years of age; 7 in their 20's; 4 in their 30's; 7 in their 40's; 2 in their 50's; 10 in their 60's; 3 in their 70's; 1 in their 80's; and, 1 in their 90's. Most of this week's new cases are in Macon city (29 cases), Anabel (0 cases), Atlanta (1 case), Bevier (2 cases), Callao (1 case), Elmer (0 cases), Ethel (0 cases), Excello (1 case), La Plata (5 cases), and, New Cambria (0 cases).

Our cases seem to have shifted this week to older adults but still most who were unvaccinated. COVID-19 vaccine is a choice. Macon County Health Department continues to give the Johnson & Johnson (when available) and the Moderna vaccines weekly in our office with clinics Wednesdays and Thursdays. With schools in session, it is especially vital to take precautions when visiting with others and out in the community. Considered a layered approach to preventing transmission. Vaccine is the best option. Distancing when out in public and masking when in crowded areas. Avoid handshakes or otherwise use good hand hygiene. Using one preventative measure or couple them together depending upon the situation.

The following reflects COVID-19 in Macon County as of the end of the day on August 24, 2021 -

- 49 active cases
- 5 hospitalized
- 22 deaths (DHSS dashboard only reflects 19)
- 2,021 total cases since March 2020

