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(Macon County, MO) – During the week of August 25 – August 31, there were 48 new cases of COVID-19. Currently, there are 58 active cases with 6 residents hospitalized 1 who is fully vaccinated. Of these 48 new cases, 4 were vaccinated (including the hospitalized person), and, there was 1 new case of reinfection. Of the last 471 cases, 415 were not vaccinated. We tracked 183 new cases to-date in August compared to 153 total new cases in July. Two weeks ago, 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 have since found out that these deaths are not recorded on DHSS dashboard since they were antigen tested and not PCR. We are working with DHSS for further explanation. For clarification, antigen testing only indicates someone had COVID in the past, not that it was an active case that could have contributed to death.

Of the 48 positive cases, 9 were under 19 years of age; 4 in their 20’s; 6 in their 30’s; 6 in their 40’s; 5 in their 50’s; 7 in their 60’s; 8 in their 70’s; 2 in their 80’s; and, 0 in their 90’s, and 1 unknown age at this time. Most of this week’s new cases are in Macon city (32 cases), Anabel (0 cases), Atlanta (1 case), Bevier (5 cases), Callao (1 case), Elmer (2 cases), Ethel (0 cases), Excello (2 case), La Plata (2 cases), and, New Cambria (0 cases) and 3 addresses are unknown at this time.

Our case count and positivity rate are rising. We have seen an increase in school-age children and most cases are in unvaccinated people. COVID-19 vaccine is a choice. Macon County Health Department continues to give the Moderna vaccine 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. Use a layered approach to preventing transmission. Vaccine is the best option. Distance when out in public and mask when in crowded areas. Avoid handshakes or otherwise use good hand hygiene. Use 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 31, 2021 –

- 58 active cases
- 6 hospitalized
- 22 deaths (DHSS dashboard only reflects 19)
- 2,069 total cases since March 2020

## Macon County COVID-19 Update



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LAST UPDATE ON AUGUST 25, 2021

### Covid-19 Vaccinations

Total Doses Given - 10115  
Initial Doses - 5452  
Series Complete - 4912  
Population Initiating Vaccinations - 36.1%  
Population Completed Vaccinations - 32.5%

Active Cases (in Isolation): 58  
Hospitalized: 6  
Deaths: 22\*  
Total Positive Cases: 2,069

Risk Level: Category 2 Critical Risk  
\*DHSS dashboard reflects 19 deaths

### **PUBLIC HEALTH MAKES LIFE BETTER**

AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER AND PROVIDER  
SERVICES PROVIDED ON A NONDISCRIMINATORY BASIS

Prevent COVID-19 & Stop the Spread

Practice social distancing    Wash your hands    Get vaccinated    Stay home when you are sick    Wear a mask

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