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(Macon County, MO) – During the week of September 1 - 7, there were 50 new cases of COVID-19. Currently, there are 64 active cases with 8 residents hospitalized. Of these 50 new cases, 11 were vaccinated, and, there was 1 new case of reinfection. Of the last 520 cases, 454 were not vaccinated. We tracked 194 new cases in August compared to 153 cases in July. Last week we announced 48 cases but later learned that one person who tested positive with a rapid antigen test later tested negative with a PCR test so our numbers were adjusted accordingly.

In August we announced DHSS had sent notice that Macon County had recorded additional deaths although their dashboard did not reflect these additional deaths. We explained that these deaths were not recorded on DHSS dashboard since they were antigen tested and not PCR, but the explanation provided was incorrect. For clarification, antigen testing is not as reliable as PCR testing and positive antigen results are considered probable cases, so DHSS does not classify them as confirmed COVID related deaths. PCR testing is more accurate and the only test at this time that considers cases confirmed.

Of the 50 positive cases, 11 were under 19 years of age; 4 in their 20's; 4 in their 30's; 4 in their 40's; 6 in their 50's; 10 in their 60's; 7 in their 70's; 4 in their 80's; and, 0 in their 90's. Most of this week's new cases are in Macon city (31 cases), Anabel (0 cases), Atlanta (7 case), Bevier (2 cases), Callao (0 cases), Elmer (0 cases), Ethel (0 cases), Excello (6 case), La Plata (4 cases), and, New Cambria (0 cases).

Our case count, positivity rate, active cases and number hospitalized are rising. We have seen increased cases 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 September 7, 2021 –

- 64 active cases
- 8 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 SEPTEMBER 2, 2021

Covid-19 Vaccinations

Total Doses Given - 10,260
Initial Doses - 5,506
Series Complete - 4,999
Population Initiating Vaccinations - 36.4%
Population Completed Vaccinations - 33.1%

Active Cases (in Isolation): 64
Hospitalized: 8
Deaths: 22*
Total Positive Cases: 2,118

Risk Level: Category 1 Extreme Risk
*DHSS dashboard reflects 19 deaths

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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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