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(Macon County, MO) – During the week of March 9- March 15, we tracked 32 new cases of COVID-19, compared to 4 last week, 11 the week before, and 17 the week before. There were 2 new residents hospitalized this week. Of these 32 new cases, 27 were vaccinated and 5 were reinfections. Of the last 2,194 cases, 1,681 were not vaccinated.

Of the 32 new positive cases, 1 was 19 and under; 1 in their 20's; 1 in their 30's; 3 in their 40's; 3 in their 50's; 4 in their 60's; 6 in their 70's; 7 in their 80's; and 6 were 90 and over. New cases were located in Macon (28 cases), Callao (2 cases), Anabel (1 case) and La Plata (1 case).

We saw an increase in cases after several weeks of decreasing our cases in Macon County. Reported cases only include laboratory confirmed cases, it does not include home tests. It is still encouraged to continue to use mitigation measures to protect yourself and others from COVID-19 such as wear a well-fitting mask around others, staying home when sick, avoiding crowded indoor spaces and ventilate the air when possible. The best protection against severe illness and hospitalization due to COVID-19 is vaccination. Macon County Health Department offers a weekly COVID-19 clinics for initial, second and booster doses for Pfizer (ages 12 and up) and Moderna (ages 18 and up). We offer J&J vaccinations by request throughout the week. Our nurses are knowledgeable and can answer any questions or concerns. Samaritan Hospital has pediatric vaccine for 5-11-year-old children.

The following reflects COVID-19 in Macon County as of the end of the day on March 15, 2022 –

- 32 new cases
- 2 new hospitalizations
- 33 deaths plus 19 probable deaths listed by DHSS (antigen tested)
- 3,792 total cases since March 2020

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