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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Taney County Health Department Working with Arkansas State Department of Health to
Investigate Second Case of COVID-19 in Healthcare Worker
April 1, 2020 2:00 pm

The Taney County Health Department (TCHD) is currently partnering with the Arkansas State Department of Health on the investigation of an Arkansas resident who tested positive for COVID-19. The individual is a healthcare employee at the CoxHealth Heart Center, a stand-alone clinic in Branson. The clinic is currently closed, and the individual is in isolation at this time.

If you visited the CoxHealth Heart Center on Hwy 248 in Branson, MO during the week of March 23rd, you should monitor for the signs and symptoms of COVID-19. Symptoms of COVID-19 include fever, cough, and difficulty breathing. If you develop these symptoms, please isolate at home and call your healthcare provider.

Prevention for individuals includes; wash your hands, avoid gatherings of 10 or more, stay home if you are sick, and social distancing. TCHD continues to strongly urge everyone to stay home unless leaving for necessities such as food or medication.

For additional COVID-19 information, call 417-334-4544, visit www.taneycohealth.org, or like us on Facebook and Instagram for daily updates.

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Third Case of COVID-19 Confirmed in Taney County
April 2, 2020 12:00 pm

The Taney County Health Department (TCHD) is currently investigating the third positive case of COVID-19 in Taney County. The individual who tested positive has been notified and is currently following isolation guidelines "This is a domestic travel related case and all known contacts have been notified by TCHD and are under a 14-day quarantine as a precautionary measure", states Tiffany Bullock, Public Health Nurse Specializing in Communicable Disease Investigation for the Taney County Health Department. TCHD believes the community risk to be low at this time, as the individual self-quarantined at the onset of symptoms.

Prevention for individuals continue to be important to combat COVID-19 in our community: wash your hands, avoid gatherings of more than 10 people, stay home if you're sick, and do not leave your home for nonessential activities.

"Taney County residents need to be taking all precautions at this point in time to reduce the spread of COVID-19," states Lisa Marshall, Director of TCHD. "We cannot stress enough the importance of staying home unless you absolutely need to leave for essential necessities, such as food or medication, or essential work."

If you have been quarantined or isolated in your home due to COVID-19 you need to stay in your home.

- Do not leave your home. By staying at home you are doing your part to protect the health of your community.
- Reach out to family and friends or use delivery services if you need essential supplies, to prevent the spread of COVID-19.
- If you are living with someone who has been quarantined or isolated, ensure they remain in a separate room and do not have physical contact with them.

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April 3, 2020 8:00 pm

First COVID-19 Related Death Reported in Taney County

The Taney County Health Department announces the first death from COVID-19 in Taney County. The man was in his 70's and had underlying health conditions. The death is included in Taney County's total case count, which has reached five cases of COVID-19 as of this time.

"We are heartbroken to announce the first death in our county from COVID-19," Said Lisa Marshall, Director of the TCHD. "We want to express our sincerest condolences to the patient's family and loved ones."

Marshall went on to state, "This is a time for each community member to take social responsibility to keep COVID-19 from spreading. Please stay home unless you need essentials such as medication or food or you are an essential worker and must go to work."

Signs and symptoms of COVID-19 include fever, cough, and shortness of breath. Please contact your healthcare provider or CoxHealth Virtual Visits for testing options.

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Taney County Health Department Announces Two New Cases of COVID-19
April 3, 2020 3:30 pm

The Taney County Health Department (TCHD) announces two new cases of COVID-19 bringing the total to 5 in Taney County. TCHD continues to urge the community to take preventive measures such as staying at home unless leaving for necessities, practicing good hand hygiene, and to continue social distancing. If you have symptoms of COVID-19, including fever, cough, and shortness of breath, contact your healthcare provider or the CoxHealth Virtual Visit. Only a healthcare provider can refer you for testing.

“This is a time for each community member to take social responsibility in keeping COVID-19 from spreading. States Lisa Marshall Director of TCHD, “We can’t stress enough the importance of prevention measures to keep COVID-19 from spreading. Please stay home unless you need essentials such as medication or food, or you are an essential worker and must go to work.”

Other important reminders are to stay in your home if you have been quarantined or isolated. By staying home, you are doing your part to protect the community from the spread of COVID-19. Utilize grocery delivery services or have a friend or family member drop essential supplies off at the doorstep. If you are living with someone under isolation or quarantine, ensure they remain in a separate room.

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Sixth Confirmed Case of COVID-19 in Taney County
April 4, 2020 8:30pm

The Taney County Health Department (TCHD) announces the sixth case of COVID-19 in Taney County. The individual is a contact of another confirmed case of COVID-19 in Taney County. All those in close contact with the individual have been notified. At this time, the risk to the community is determined to be low due to the individuals limited contact in the community.

Preventive measures are the best way protect you and your loved ones from COVID-19. Preventive measures include staying at home, unless leaving for necessities such as food or medical needs, social distancing, and practicing good hand hygiene. Per new CDC guidelines, additional measures include wearing a non-medical face mask in public settings where other social distancing measures are difficult to maintain, such as grocery stores or pharmacies, and especially in areas of significant community-based transmission.

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April 6, 2020 4:30 pm

Taney County Announces Two New Cases of COVID-19 Bringing the Total to Eight

Taney County Health Department (TCHD) announces two new cases of COVID-19 bringing the total number of cases to 8. To protect the patients' right to privacy, identifying information will not be provided TCHD's Communicable Disease Investigation Team is working to contact residents who may have had contact with the individuals.

“Although one of these cases is related to domestic travel, we want our residents to know that we are seeing community spread of COVID-19,” said Lisa Marshall, Director of the TCHD, “We want to remind residents to follow preventive guidelines, including staying at home as mandated by the governor.” For frequently asked questions about the mandate click here:

<https://governor.mo.gov/stay-home-missouri-order-guidance-and-frequently-asked-questions>

TCHD also wants to remind you to wear a facemask when out in public, wash your hands frequently, and practice physical distancing.

Another reminder from TCHD - if you have a scheduled appointment for any service, please call before coming to your appointment. Clients who are screened and found to have a fever will be asked to reschedule their appointments.

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COVID-19 Case Update from Taney County
4.9.2020 2:00 pm

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"Taney County is currently at seven confirmed cases, including one death, and one recovered from COVID-19," states Lisa Marshall Director of TCHD. "We want to let the community know that the Communicable Disease Team is working hard to investigate each case and provide as much information as they are legally able."

The staff at TCHD thanks the community for their efforts in complying with the state mandate, physical distancing guidelines and good hand hygiene practices. Continuing this mitigation process will help to flatten the curve and lead to a faster community recovery.

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Taney County Health Department Confirms 8th Case of COVID-19
April 15, 2020 1:00 pm

The Taney County Health Department (TCHD) has confirmed the eighth case of COVID-19. Currently Taney County has eight confirmed cases total with three recovered and one death.

“This individual was a contact of a previous case,” stated Lisa Marshall, Director of the TCHD. “We are aware this individual traveled within the community while symptomatic, making it difficult to know exactly who they had contacted. Due to community exposure, we are encouraging everyone visiting the identified locations and showing symptoms of COVID-19 to contact their primary care physician.”

TCHD is mandated by the Department of Health and Human Services to protect health information about cases that arise in Taney County. The information that can be released is very limited. Case location, other than the county, is information TCHD is NOT allowed to release. TCHD will release locations where a case has visited if there is a potential for community exposure.

As part of TCHD’s duty to protect the public’s health we are sharing the following information about potential community exposure. People who were at the locations below are at low risk for contracting COVID-19, but should monitor for symptoms.

If you visited any of these places during this time frame, please monitor for symptoms of COVID-19 for 14 days following the potential date of exposure.

April 6th: Menard’s in Hollister between 6:15 pm and 7:00 pm.

April 11th: Dollar General and Harter House in Hollister between 2:00 pm and 6:00 pm.

April 12th: Branson Landing between 4:00 pm and 5:30 pm. The individual walked the Landing Promenade but did not go into any stores.

The TCHD wants to remind those who may have been exposed to monitor for symptoms such as fever, cough and shortness of breath. All individuals known to have been exposed to someone with COVID-19 are contacted by TCHD and told to self-quarantine at home for at least 14 days. Seeking necessary medical attention is the only permitted reason to leave home during a self-quarantine provided they contact their healthcare provider before arriving so proper precautions can be taken.

“I just want to remind the community that eighty percent of those that test positive for COVID-19 have minor symptoms.” Says Tiffany Bullock, Public Health Nurse Specializing in Communicable Disease Investigation for TCHD. “Please continue to follow social distancing guidelines and if you have been asked to self-quarantine by the TCHD, do not go out for any reason except to seek medical attention.”

Now more than ever we need to continue to stay at home, wash our hands, and practice good social distancing as a way to prevent the spread of COVID-19

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Taney County Health Department Announces Ninth Case of COVID-19
4.18.2020 11:30 am

The Taney County Health Department (TCHD) announces the ninth case of COVID-19 in Taney County. The individual is a contact of a previous Taney County case and was under quarantine at home. At this time there is no known risk to the community as the individual followed quarantine instructions.

“The individual followed quarantine instructions and did not have any known contacts in the community,” states Lisa Marshall, TCHD Director. “This is a great example of how we all have a responsibility to protect the public and following the appropriate precautions is essential.”

Those asked to quarantine should only leave their home to seek medical attention, and should not be leaving for essential items such as food. These individuals are encouraged to use delivery services, or have friends and family leave items at their doorstep. TCHD continues to encourage everyone to wear facemask when in public to protect the community. Staying at home, unless leaving for essential items, is still the best practice at this point in time.

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Tenth COVID-19 Case Confirmed in Taney County
4.23.2020 4:00 pm

The Taney County Health Department (TCHD) has confirmed the tenth case of COVID-19 in Taney County. Those that came into close contact with the individual are being notified by the health department, the general public's exposure risk is considered minimal at this time.

"TCHD continues to encourage anyone showing symptoms of COVID-19 to get tested," states Lisa Marshall, TCHD Director. "We have plenty of testing resources in our community and they are currently free through the Mobile Testing Unit."

Covid-19 symptoms include:

- High fever
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Chills
- Muscle pain
- Headache
- Sore throat

Please contact your healthcare provider to be screened for COVID-19 testing, or schedule a free virtual visit at coxhealth.com using the code "COVID".

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Taney County Health Department Offers Free COVID-19 Testing for 400
4.25.2020 2:00 pm

The Taney County Health Department (TCHD) is offering free COVID-19 testing to 400 individuals in Stone and Taney Counties. Individuals do not have to be symptomatic or have had any exposure risks to register. Any Missouri resident is eligible for testing and must register at <https://redcap.link/mocovidcctesting> to receive a free COVID-19 test. Participants will be able to select from available time slots and will receive further instructions after completing their registrations. Pre-registration is required.

Taney County has been selected by the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services to participate in a point-in-time COVID-19 count. TCHD, Stone County Health Department, and Mobile Testing Unit partners, including Cox Medical Center Branson, the City of Branson, Jordan Valley Community Health, and Mercy, will conduct 400 COVID-19 tests to Stone and Taney County residents.

COVID-19 testing schedule is as follows;
Monday, April 27, 2020 from 9am to 5pm
Tuesday, April 28, 2020 from 8am to 5pm
Wednesday, April 29, 2020 from 8am to 5pm

Interested individuals must register online to qualify.

Follow the Taney County Health Department Facebook page for more information.

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Taney County Health Department Confirms Eleventh COVID-19 Case
April 29, 2020 3:00 pm

The Taney County Health Department (TCHD) has confirmed the eleventh case of COVID-19 in a Taney County resident. The individual is a Taney County resident that is currently working and living outside the county. The individual has had no contact within the county and there is no known risk to the community at this time.

"We are working closely with the collaborating health department on this case," states Tiffany Bullock, Communicable Disease Coordinator for TCHD. "The TCHD Communicable Disease Team has completed our part of the investigation and has determined that there has been no risk of transmission within our community."

TCHD continues to encourage those with COVID-19 symptoms to seek testing. COVID-19 symptoms include:

- High fever
- Cough
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- Chills
- Muscle pain
- Headache
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