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Taney County Health Department COVID-19 Case Updates
May 1, 2020 3:00 pm

The Taney County Health Department (TCHD) confirms the second COVID-19 related death. The individual was a female in her 80's with underlying health conditions and was a close contact to another confirmed Taney County case. The individual had minimal contact in the community, and risk of transmission to the general public is considered low at this time.

Taney County's twelfth case of COVID-19 is not associated with any other known COVID-19 cases. Those in close contact with the individual are being notified by TCHD and will be asked to quarantine. The individual visited the locations listed below.

April 25th in the afternoon - Cash Saver in Theodosia
April 25th in the afternoon - ACE Hardware Store in Theodosia
April 22nd, 23rd, 24th, and 27th in the afternoon - Pioneer Store in Protom

Anyone who visited these locations during the indicated timeframe should monitor for symptoms of COVID-19 for 14 days following the date of potential exposure. If they develop COVID-19 symptoms, they should call their primary care physician. COVID-19 symptoms include;

- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fever
- Chills
- Repeated shaking with chills
- Muscle pain
- Headache
- Sore throat
- New loss of taste or smell

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 Tests 340 for COVID-19
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The Taney County Health Department (TCHD) collaborated with a team of community partners to test 340 people last week for COVID-19. The Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services selected Taney County to participate in a point-in-time COVID-19 test count. All of these test results have been received, and all test results were negative.

“This is a public health win.” States Lisa Marshall Director of the TCHD “Prevention is what public health is all about and this is a great example. Community leaders and residents have done well in following public health guidelines in regard to closing down early and social distancing and that has made all the difference.”

The TCHD would like to thank the following partners for their assistance in the test site set-up and operation: Taney County Mobile Testing Unit partners, including Cox Medical Center Branson, the City of Branson, Jordan Valley Community Health, and Mercy, as well as the Stone County Health Department.

We want to remind those of you who have been tested to create your MyQuest Profile so that you have access your test results.

1. Sign up for MyQuest at MyQuest.QuestDiagnostics.com or download the MyQuest App.
2. Check your email for a message from Quest. Click the link to confirm your email address.
3. Log in to your MyQuest account using the username and password you chose when you signed up.
4. Select the "Verify Your Identity" option. Accept the Patient Authorization (HIPPA Authorization).
5. Complete the Identity Verification Process.
6. You're set. You will now get your Quest Diagnostics test results through your MyQuest account.

Steps 1-5 must be completed to receive your results and the following information associated with your MyQuest account must match the information you provided for this testing: name, date of birth, full address, and your 10-digit phone number.

If you are unable to create an account, or have not gotten your test results, please reach out to Quest at (866) 697-8378.

The Taney County Health Department strongly recommends that our community members continue to follow social distancing guidelines:

- Wear a mask when in public
- Wash hands for 20 seconds
- Stay 6’ away from others
- Stay home if you are sick
- Disinfect frequently touched surfaces

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Keeping Taney County Open is a Social Responsibility
May 19, 2020

As businesses in Taney County begin to reopen, the Taney County Health Department (TCHD) would like to remind residents and visitors to continue to help fight COVID-19 by exercising social responsibility. Wearing face coverings while in public, maintaining physical distancing, and staying home when sick are all ways to protect yourself and those around you. Every resident and visitor has a responsibility to protect the health of Taney County.

“Our community has taken precautionary measures during this time,” States Lisa Marshall, Director of TCHD. “This is largely why COVID-19 cases in Taney County continue to hold steady. The community has jumped on board and is doing the right things to stop the spread, we need their help to keep our community healthy.”

To continue to keep these numbers low, the health department is reminding community members that it is our social responsibility to take care of each other and continue to wear masks, wash our hands and keep 6 feet away from those that don’t reside in our households.

“Social responsibility means taking care of each other through our own actions.” Marshall continues, “We are in a holding pattern right now as far as new cases are concerned. The best way to reduce the risk of a spike in positive cases is to take precautionary measures now.”

This includes the following;

- Wearing face coverings in public settings, especially if social distancing cannot be followed
- Stay 6 feet apart
- Wash your hands for at least 20 seconds
- Stay home if you are sick
- Increase disinfection practices in the home and workplace
- Continue to stay home if you are considered high risk

TCHD encourages residents and visitors to call businesses, theaters or restaurants they plan to visit to determine if they are open and instructions on their opening procedures. Toolkits are available at www.taneycohealth.org. For more information contact the Taney County Health Department at 417-334-4544, visit our website at www.taneycohealth.org, or like our FaceBook, Instagram and Pinterest pages.

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Taney County Health Department Confirms 13th Case of COVID-19
May 26, 2020

The Taney County Health Department (TCHD) has confirmed the 13th case of COVID-19 in Taney County. This case is community spread, and the individual had no connection to a previous case. This individual did not go into the community while symptomatic and the risk of spread is low at this time.

“The fact that this case is community spread means that the virus is in the community,” states Lisa Marshall, Director of TCHD, “It also means that people need to take precautions when out in the community to avoid the spread of the virus.”

TCHD continues to encourage the community to:

- Maintain six feet distance between people not in your household
- Wear a mask in public
- Wash your hands
- Cover your cough
- Stay home if you are sick

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