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Taney County Health Department Updates COVID-19 Numbers January 25, 2021

The Taney County Health Department (TCHD) is saddened to confirm the deaths of 13 Taney County residents due to COVID-19. The individuals passed from the end of November into early January.

The deaths include:

- 4 females in their 70's
- 3 females in their 80's
- 2 females in their 90's
- 3 males in their 80's
- 1 male in his 90's

The total of Taney County residents whose deaths can be attributed to COVID-19 is now 68.

TCHD announces COVID-19 deaths after the county of residence and the cause of death can be confirmed with both the Taney County Coroner's Office and the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services. As a result, Taney County death count updates may lag behind numbers announced by the state.

TCHD continues to encourage residents to take appropriate COVID-19 precautions as we move through the winter months. These include physical distancing, hand hygiene, staying home when sick, wearing a face covering, and disinfecting commonly touched surfaces. TCHD also highly encourages residents to sign up for the COVID-19 vaccination wait list at www.taneycohealth.org.

"We are saddened to see the number of deaths associated with COVID-19 increase, and ask community members to stay the course", states Lisa Marshall, TCHD Director. "Prevention and vaccination are our best lines of defense and we are encouraging our community to receive the vaccine when it is available and they are eligible."

Our condolences go out to all the families who have lost loved ones due to COVID-19.

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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