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Taney County Health Department Updates COVID-19 Numbers  
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The Taney County Health Department (TCHD) is saddened to confirm the deaths of 17, previously unreported, Taney County residents due to COVID-19. The individuals passed during the months of December, January, and February.

The deaths include:

- 5 males in their 80's
- 5 males and 2 females in their 70's
- 3 females in their 60's
- 1 male and 1 female in their 50's

The total of Taney County residents whose deaths can be attributed to COVID-19 is now 85.

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 of Missouri.

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 get the COVID-19 vaccine by signing up for the wait list at [www.taneycohealth.org](http://www.taneycohealth.org).

"We are saddened to see the number of deaths associated with COVID-19 increase, and remind community members that prevention and vaccination are our best lines of defense," states Lisa Marshall, TCHD Director. "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](http://www.taneycohealth.org), or like our FaceBook, Instagram and Pinterest pages.

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