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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 8, previously unreported, Taney County residents due to COVID-19. One individual passed in the month of July, and 7 in the month of August.

The deaths include:

- 1 individual in their 40's
- 2 individuals in their 50's
- 3 individuals in their 60's
- 2 individuals in their 70's

The total of Taney County residents whose deaths can be attributed to COVID-19 is now 127.

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 remind the community that there are three tools available to lessen their likelihood of getting COVID-19: vaccination, physical distancing, and wearing a face covering. The public is being asked to consider using more than one of these tools as part of a multi-layered approach due to the prevalence and severity of the Delta variant. Practicing good hand hygiene and staying home when sick continues to be important in reducing the spread of the disease. TCHD is encouraging everyone 12 years of age and older to get the COVID-19 vaccine.

The TCHD-family continues to send its condolences to all those that have lost loved ones 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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