



Barry County, Missouri

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COVID-19 positive case identified at Monett restaurant

This morning, the Barry County Health Department is announcing, a person employed at Acambaro Mexican Restaurant in Monett has tested positive for COVID-19 and is a result of community spread. The individual is in isolation and close contacts are being contacted and when appropriate ordered to quarantine.

The owners of Acambaro Mexican Restaurant have decided to close the business to give staff time to monitor for symptoms and provide ample time for a deep cleaning of the facility. The voluntary decision was based on an abundance of caution and concern for customers and staff. The owners will announce the reopening date as soon as it is determined. Upon reopening all staff will be screened for symptoms of COVID-19 before each shift, face coverings will continue to be required for all employees, and all high touch surfaces will be cleaned often.

Roger Brock, Administrator of the Barry County Health Department commended the owners of Acambaro for taking efforts to protect the health of employee, families, and customers. “They decided closing was the safest option to protect their staff and our community, we appreciate their commitment to the health of our residents.” Brock reminded the public that COVID-19 is not foodborne and there is no risk of contracting COVID-19 from a meal. Customers do not need to self-quarantine unless symptoms develop. Anyone who develops symptoms should call their primary care provider or the Barry County Health Department at 417-847-2114.

Symptoms of COVID-19 can appear 2 to 14 days after exposure and include fever or chills, cough, shortness of breath, fatigue, fever, muscle or body aches, headache, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, diarrhea, or a new loss of taste or smell. If you believe, you have symptoms of COVID-19 stay home call your medical provider, and wear a mask when near anyone who does not live in the same home.

Barry County Phase 2 Mitigation Rules began June 26 and remains in effect until August 31, 2020. Those rules include required source control masking of service providers; recommended physical distancing, cloth face coverings, and enhanced hygiene practices. For more information about COVID-19, visit [cdc.gov/coronavirus](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus), call the Barry County Health Department at **417-847-2114** or the Missouri DHSS 24 hour hotline number at **877-435-8411**.

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