



# Barry County, Missouri

Health Department and  
Office of Emergency Management  
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## Barry County announces a seventh COVID-19 related death.

Our seventh resident has died of COVID related complications. The person was an 83-year-old man, known to have underlying health issues. Health Department and Emergency Management officials are saddened by the loss of another Barry County neighbor; officials extend their deepest condolences to the family and friends on their loss.

All people of all ages are at risk of infection with COVID-19, but older persons and those with underlying health issues are at the greatest risk of serious illness and death. Residents are strongly encouraged to continue physical distancing of at least 6', wearing face coverings when physical distancing is not possible, frequently washing hands, and staying home if you are sick.

Barry County Health Department Administrator Roger Brock and Emergency Management Director David Compton remind us that our positive test rate is currently 6.4% with over 600 cases confirmed in Barry County. "Cases will continue to rise, until an effective vaccine is administered to our people", said Brock. "I hope I am wrong, but it is almost certain COVID will take more Barry County lives", commented Compton. Officials remind everyone, we can fight COVID...excellent hand hygiene, physical distancing and face coverings work. These efforts not only protect those around you from droplets expelled when you breathe and speak, but they may help in decreasing the amount of virus you inhale.

Barry County Phase 2 Mitigation Rules began June 26 and remains in effect until December 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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