



# Barry County, Missouri

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## Barry County announces the first COVID-19 associated death.

Barry County Health Department Administrator Roger Brock reported the first Barry County resident COVID-19 associated death. The man was 71 years old and was known to have other underlying health issues. Brock extended his condolences to the man's family and friends, "we are extremely saddened to have learned this person has succumb to complications related to the COVID-19 infection."

Brock again warned residents, "COVID-19 is a threat to every corner of our county and every resident in our county." Recent numbers in Barry County show 61% of the COVID cases in Barry County have occurred in persons 40 years and younger. However the greatest risk of complications and death continues to be those persons 60 years and older. All persons must practice physical distancing, masking and good hand washing at all times to slow the spread of the disease. Emergency Management Director David Compton added his sympathies to the grieving family and friends. Compton reminded citizens, "masking continues to be our best defense to the spread of COVID-19."

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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