



Barry County, Missouri

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Office of Emergency Management
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Barry County announces a fourth COVID-19 associated death.

Barry County Health Department reports: an 86-year-old male patient of a congregate home with multiple underlying health issues is our fourth COVID associated death of a Barry County resident. Health Department and Emergency Management officials wish to offer their sincerest condolences to the family and friends on their loss.

Roger Brock, Barry County Health Department Administrator reminded Barry County Citizens that all people 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. All persons must continue diligently wearing face coverings anytime you are within 6' of a people outside of your home.

Administrator Brock and Emergency Management Director David Compton continue to recommend that individual businesses, adopt masking requirements for people entering their businesses. The policies should be in place for the protection of employees as well as the public. They remind service providers who cannot practice physical distancing (6' or more) are required to remain masked while providing any type of service.

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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