



Barry County, Missouri

Health Department and Office of Emergency Management

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Barry County Sixth Case of COVID-19

The Barry County Health Department is reporting a sixth case of COVID-19 in Barry County. The individual is under an isolation order and is being monitored closely by the Barry County Health Department. As appropriate and allowed emergency responders are made aware of potentially hazardous situations. The new case is believed to be unrelated to previous cases in the county.

Barry County Health Department, as part of the disease investigation, will determine and notify known close contacts with the individuals. Those person(s) will be provided with specific instructions on appropriate social distancing, monitoring, and immediate actions should they develop signs and symptoms of COVID-19.

All close contacts of this patient have been notified and the patient has not left home since before becoming symptomatic and subsequent testing.

The best way to prevent community spread COVID-19 is to cover you cough, wash hands often, and avoid non-essential travel. Symptoms of COVID-19 include fever, cough, and shortness of breath and may occur two days to two weeks after exposure. If you have symptoms, call your primary care provider and follow their instructions.

State of Missouri Emergency Declaration and Barry County Stay-at-Home rules remain in effect until April 30, 2020. Those rules include a prohibition of gatherings with greater than 10 people, required social distancing of a minimum of 6 feet between unrelated people, restriction to curbside or drive-thru restaurant service as well as defining essential and non-essential businesses. Under these rules, non-essential businesses must remain closed and essential businesses must modify their business to provide for required social distancing.

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