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The Lawrence County Health Department is reporting 8 new cases of COVID-19. This brings our total to 18 cases (7 resolved and 11 active). Three cases were acquired from workplaces with a current outbreak, four are still under investigation to determine the origin, and one is a family member of a positive case. The Lawrence County Health Department is working diligently to notify all close contacts.

We want the public to remember that COVID is still actively circulating and our county is not immune. Most people who get COVID-19 will only have mild symptoms; however, there are some members of our community who are at a higher risk of getting very sick. We must each do our part to protect them, ourselves, our loved ones and the rest of our community by practicing the following:

- Clean your hands often, either with soap and water for 20 seconds or a hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Stay at home as much as possible.
- Put distance between yourself and other people (at least 6 feet).
- Cover your mouth and nose with a cloth face cover when around others.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces daily.

For more information about COVID-19, visit the CDC's website at [bit.ly/about-COVID](https://bit.ly/about-COVID) or call the Missouri COVID-19 public information hotline at 1-877-435-8411.