

June 29, 2020

Lawrence County Health Department Reports First Death of COVID-19 and 4 Additional Cases

The Lawrence County Health Department is saddened today to report the first death of a Lawrence County resident due to COVID-19. The resident was a 52 year old with an underlying health condition. We are truly sorry and extend our deepest condolences the family and loved ones of this individual.

We are also announcing 4 additional cases. Three of which are tied to other positive cases from either Springfield or workplaces in Barry County, and 1 is unknown.

We currently stand at 35 Total Cases: (19 Active, 15 Recovered, and 1 Death)

The following dates and times were given as places visited while infectious. Keep in mind, many people who test positive are asymptomatic (no symptoms). It is still best to wear a mask though anytime you are out in public.

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| 6-23-20 | El Maya Restaurant Marionville MO | 8:45-9:30 p.m. | No mask, no symptoms |
| 6-24-20 | Marionville Baseball Game in Marionville MO | 6:00– 8:00 p.m. | No mask, no symptoms |
| 6-24-20 | El Maya Restaurant Marionville MO | 8:00-9:00 p.m. | No mask, no symptoms |
| 6-25-20 | Uptown Boutique, Springfield MO | 12 p.m. | No mask, no symptoms |
| 6-25-20 | McCallister’s Springfield MO | 1 p.m. | No mask, no symptoms |
| 6-25-20 | Sam’s Club on Camino Alto Springfield MO | 2 p.m. | No mask, no symptoms |
| 6-25-20 | Billings Baseball Game in Billings, MO | 5:30 – 8:00 p.m. | No mask, no symptoms |
| 6-26-20 | Walmart in Aurora MO | 12-1:00 p.m. | No mask, no symptoms |
| 6-26-20 | Walmart Subway in Aurora MO | 1 p.m. | No mask, no symptoms |

Everyone is urged to take preventive actions to prevent the spread of COVID-19. These actions include:

- Wear a mask out in public and/or at work. “You protect me, I protect you”.
- Avoid large social gatherings where social distancing is difficult to achieve.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol if soap and water are not available.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with the crook of your arm, or in a tissue, then wash hands.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces using a regular household cleaning spray or wipe.
- Stay home if you are sick.

Older adults and people of any age who have serious underlying medical conditions are at higher risk for more serious complications from COVID-19. If you think, you have been exposed to COVID-19 and develop: ***Fever or chills, Cough, Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, Fatigue, Muscle or body ache, Headache New loss of taste or smell, Sore throat, Congestion or runny nose, Nausea or vomiting, Diarrhea***

Call your health care provider for medical advice before showing up, or use the CoxHealth virtual visit at <https://www.coxhealth.com/services/virtualvisits/.com>.