

July 1, 2020

Lawrence County Health Department is Announcing 3 New Cases

The Lawrence County Health Department is announcing 3 new cases. One case has been isolating at home already for some time and exposure link could not be determined. The two other cases are from the same household and the exposure link is still under investigation.

We currently stand at 40 Total Cases: (21 Active, 18 Recovered, and 1 Death)

On Sunday, June 28th, one of the cases was not symptomatic, but masked while attending church service at the Monett Church of the Nazarene at 2142 State Hwy 37, Monett, MO between 10 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. The church was notified and stated they will be suspending services for two weeks starting Sunday, July 5th. If you attended service on June 28th, there is no need to quarantine, but monitor for symptoms. If symptoms arise, stay home and contact your health care provider.

Symptoms may appear 2-14 days after exposure to the virus. People with these symptoms may have COVID-19:

Fever or chills	Cough
Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing	Fatigue
Muscle or body aches	Headache
New loss of taste or smell	Sore throat
Congestion or runny nose	Nausea or vomiting
Diarrhea	

Look for emergency warning signs for COVID-19. If someone is showing any of these signs, seek emergency medical care immediately:

Trouble breathing	Persistent pain or pressure in the chest
New confusion	Inability to wake or stay awake
Bluish lips or face	

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, crowded 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.
- 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
- 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 symptoms, 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>.