

## Barry County, Missouri

## Health Department and Office of Emergency Management Joint Press Release – 10.16.2020



## **Barry County Health Department Office Restrictions**

This morning the Barry County Health Department announced they will return to curbside and drive thru services at both Cassville and Monett locations. Residents needing services should call the Health Department at 417-847-2114 to schedule visits.

Cases of COVID-19 have continued to rise and out of an abundance of caution, the Health Department will limit access to their lobby and offices until November 2, 2020. Administrator Roger Brock explained, "we have a very small staff and our first responsibility is to protect them so they can continue our Public Health mission." Our entire staff are actively involved in responding to an ever increasing number of COVID positive cases and close contacts, we must do our best to keep them healthy and in the office working.

Anyone needing Health Department services can simply call the Cassville office at 417-847-2114 Monday thru Thursday 7:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and staff will be available to assist them. All essential services, such as WIC, Wastewater permitting and testing, food service inspections, childcare facility inspections, vital record services, vaccinations, and COVID testing will continue to be available.

Barry County officials continue to strongly recommend physical distancing of at least 6', wearing face coverings when physical distancing is not possible, frequently washing hands, and staying home if you are sick. These efforts not only help to protect you, but all of those people near you.

Barry County Phase 2 Mitigation Rules began June 26 and remains in effect until December 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, 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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