



Barry County, Missouri

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Two additional COVID-19 related deaths.

Barry County Officials are announcing two more residents who have died because of COVID related illness. This brings the total number of deaths in Barry County to fifteen. The individuals were a female, age 55 and a 72-year-old male, both of whom lived independently in their homes and had a history of underlying health conditions. Health Department and Emergency Management officials wish to extend their condolences to both families for the loss of their loved ones.

Officials strongly urge all residents to maintain physical distancing of at least 6' or wear face coverings, frequently wash hands, and stay home if you are even slightly ill. All people are at risk of catching COVID and older residents, those with underlying health conditions, the immunocompromised, smokers, as well as pregnant women are at greater risk of severe illness, ICU admission, mechanical ventilation and death.

Symptoms of COVID include fever or chills, cough, shortness of breath, fatigue, fever, muscle or body aches, headache, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, diarrhea, or a new loss of taste or smell. If you believe, you have symptoms of COVID-19 stay home call your medical provider, and wear a mask when near anyone who does not live in the same home.

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](https://www.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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