



Barry County, Missouri

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Office of Emergency Management
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Four additional COVID-19 related deaths.

We are deeply saddened to announce the loss of four more Barry County residents to COVID related deaths. This brings the total number of deaths in Barry County to thirteen. The individuals were two females aged 81 and 68, as well as an 85-year-old male. The three were residents of a congregate care facility and had underlying health conditions. Additionally, a 78-year-old female who lived independently in her home and had a history of underlying health conditions also died of COVID related complications. Health Department and Emergency Management officials wish to extend their condolences to the many neighbors, friends, and family at this very difficult time.

Barry County Health Department Administrator Roger Brock and Emergency Management Director David Compton 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 sick. COVID cases are continuing to rise in Barry County and all people are at risk of becoming infected.

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, 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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