



Barry County, Missouri

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Four additional COVID-19 related deaths.

Four additional Barry County residents have died of COVID related illness. This brings the total number of deaths in Barry County to nineteen. Three of the persons were residents of a congregant care facility, a 68-year-old female, 52 year old male, and an 80-year-old female all of whom were known to have underlying health conditions. The fourth person, a 56-year-old man, who lived independently and had no significant underlying health conditions. Health Department and Emergency Management officials wish to extend their sincerest condolences to all of the families for the loss of their loved ones.

We continue to 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, said Roger Brock, Administrator, Barry County Health Department. 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, 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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