



# Barry County, Missouri

## Health Department and Office of Emergency Management

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#### **COVID-19 positive case identified in Monett restaurant**

The Barry County Health Department announced a person employed at MO Wings in Monett has tested positive for COVID-19. The case is a result of community spread and the individual is in isolation.. Close contacts are being contacted and as appropriate ordered to quarantine. Cases and close contacts are monitored each day by the Barry County Health Department.

The owners of the restaurant are taking all recommended actions to ensure a clean and safe establishment. The owner of MO Wings has volunteered to close the business until July 21.” During the closure, a deep cleaning of the restaurant will be completed. Upon reopening all staff will be screened for symptoms of COVID-19 before each shift, require face coverings for all employees, and conduct frequent cleaning of all high touch surfaces.

Administrator Roger Brock of the Barry County Health Department wants to remind citizens that COVID-19 is not food borne and diners are at no risk of contracting COVID-19 from their meal. Employees who did not have a face covering pose a low risk of COVID-19 to diners. Customers do not need to self-quarantine unless symptoms develop. Anyone who develops symptoms should call their primary care provider or the Barry County Health Department at 417-847-2114.

Community-wide COVID-19 testing is available free on July 18<sup>th</sup> in Cassville, at the Cassville High School. Register online at <https://health.mo.gov/communitytest> or by calling 877-435-8411.

Symptoms of COVID-19 can appear 2 to 14 days after exposure and 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 July 15, 2020. Those rules include required source control masking of service providers; recommendations to maintain physical distancing and enhanced hygiene practices. Persons at a higher risk of serious illness from COVID-19 including those greater 65 years of age, who are immunocompromised or have chronic medical conditions should limit travel and wear a cloth face covering in public. (<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/need-extra-precautions/groups-at-higher-risk.html>)

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