



# Barry County, Missouri

## Health Department and Office of Emergency Management

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#### Barry County Third Confirmed Case of COVID-19

The Barry County Health Department is reporting a third confirmed case and a presumptive positive case of COVID-19 in Barry County. The cases are from the same household and likely due to community spread. The individuals are quarantined and being monitored closely by the Barry County Health Department. Processes are in place to make emergency responders aware of potentially hazardous situations. The new cases are unrelated to previous cases. Both previous cases have now recovered and no longer quarantined.

Barry County Health Department, as part of the disease investigation, will determine and notify known close contacts with the individuals. Those person(s) will be provided with specific instructions on appropriate social distancing, monitoring, and immediate actions should they develop signs and symptoms of COVID-19.

It is out of an abundance of caution for the safety of Barry County residents that The Barry County Health Department is notifying the public of these potential exposures from the COVID-19 positive individual. If you visited these locations during the specified time, there is no need for self-quarantine or isolate, unless directed by a physician or the public health department.

Our most recent confirmed and presumptive positive cases were at the following locations prior to the positive test and quarantine order.

- 04/03 before noon - Dollar General Store in Cassville
- 04/15 after noon – Wal-Mart in Cassville
- 04/03 after noon – King Food Saver Store in Cassville

Roger Brock, Administrator of the Barry County Health Department, would like to remind residents to “cover their cough, wash hands often, and avoid non-essential travel.” These are the best ways to avoid additional community spread of COVID-19. Symptoms of COVID-19 include fever, cough, and shortness of breath and may occur two days to two weeks after exposure. If you have symptoms, call your primary care provider and follow their instructions.

State of Missouri Emergency Declaration and Barry County Stay-at-Home rules remain in effect until April 30, 2020. Those rules include a prohibition of gatherings with greater than 10 people, required social distancing of a minimum of 6 feet between unrelated people, restriction to curbside or drive-thru restaurant service as well as defining essential and non-essential businesses. Under these rules, non-essential businesses must remain closed and essential businesses must modify their business to provide for required social distancing.

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