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Moniteau County Health Center announces additional cases of COVID-19 and another recovery

MONITEAU COUNTY, MO – The Moniteau County Health Center has confirmed its 5th and 6th positive case of COVID-19 in Moniteau County, along with 3 probable positive cases who have not been tested but who came into contact with a positive case and is now symptomatic. The confirmed individuals are in their 30's and 50's. The patients' identity will remain confidential; therefore, we will not be releasing any personal information about these cases. Currently, Moniteau County has 4 recovered cases. Any further positive cases will be updated on our website (www.moniteaucovid19.com) and Facebook (www.facebook.com/moniteaucountyhealthcenter) as we receive them.

The Moniteau County Health Center are working in coordination with the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS) to determine any close contacts of these individuals who were possibly exposed. If there were any, health officials will provide guidance to these individuals and monitor them closely for the development of symptoms.

The Moniteau County Health Center urges the public to take appropriate precautions including good hygiene, social distancing and limiting in-person interactions. If you are sick, particularly with a fever and a cough, or shortness of breath, stay home and contact your health care provider for guidance regarding symptoms and next steps.

The Moniteau County Health Center is taking necessary precautions to keep our patients and community safe and will continue to diligently monitor the COVID-19 situation and follow CDC guidelines to help protect the public health and limit spread of this infection.

We will continue to update our website with information <u>www.moniteaucovid19.com</u>.

If you have questions, please consult a factual source, such as <u>www.health.mo.gov/coronavirus</u> or <u>www.CDC.gov</u>. The community can also call MDHSS 24-hour hotline (877)435-8411.