

Public Safety Alert!

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Osage County, Missouri

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Good afternoon. Our COVID-19 count at this current time includes 1 open positive case with 5 contacts in quarantine. The positive case will be re-tested tomorrow. If the results come back positive, the individual will remain in quarantine. All of the contacts to our current positive case, have remained without symptoms and will be released from quarantine at the end of the day tomorrow. In addition, we have another contact to a case from outside of the county also in quarantine who will be released at the end of next week. Mid Missouri has not yet reached it's predicted peak for COVID-19 and we must all continue to be diligent. We have been notified of some larger gatherings which occurred over Easter and as a result, a few Osage County residents were tested due to potential exposure. PLEASE understand that while we know it is hard to be isolated from friends and family, it is crucial to strictly adhere to our orders. We should not be gathering with anyone who lives outside of our own home. We can walk by their house and wave, send a note or card, or video-chat or call but, NOT gather. This is to protect you, me, our families, and our community. Governor Parson has extended the state-wide Stay at Home Orders for Missouri until May 3rd. We are in the process of updating Osage County's order to reflect this new date.

We do hope that people will get outside while maintaining social distancing, but the tick-borne illnesses continue to rise as we have had yet another case this week. Please make sure that you are protecting yourself and your pets from ticks when you go out.

We want to recognize our Osage County 911 in honor of National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week. Thank you for answering the call and being that reassuring voice on the line in emergent situations for our community. You are valued, appreciated, and we could not do our part if not for you doing yours.

Together, we will get through this!