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Press Release:

The Jasper County Health Department cases continue to rise. We currently have a total of 230 cases of COVID 19, with 181 current cases in isolation, several currently hospitalized. In addition, we have a total of 686 cases that have been placed on quarantine, with 535 persons we are currently monitoring. The health department continues to investigate these cases and their contacts and issue quarantine and isolation orders.

The majority of these cases continue to be clustered around the Carthage area.

As we continue to take steps to reopen our community, it is even more important for all of us to interact with our environment carefully. **If someone is sick or thinks they may be sick, they should stay home.**

COVID-19 is spread through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs or sneezes. It spreads between people who are in close contact with one another.

Symptoms of COVID-19 include:

- cough,
- fever,
- shortness of breath,
- chills,
- muscle pain,
- sore throat
- and new loss of taste or smell.

If symptoms do develop, seek medical attention. If you are experiencing symptoms and must seek medical attention, please wear a mask when you leave the home and practice social distancing. Please inform your medical provider prior to arriving that you are experiencing symptoms consistent with COVID 19.

The Jasper County Health Department would like to remind the public that those individuals that have been placed on either quarantine or isolation must follow the guidelines explained to them in their orders. *Those individuals who are not following their orders will be referred to the appropriate law enforcement agency.* If you do not understand your quarantine or isolation orders, please contact the Jasper County Health Department for additional information.

If you have additional questions regarding COVID-19, visit our website at

www.jaspercounty.org , call the State of Missouri hotline at 877-435-8411, or visit the Center for Disease Control website at www.CDC.gov.