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Press Release:

The Jasper County Health Department's total number of COVID-19 cases is 407, with 211 current cases in isolation, including positives which are hospitalized. In addition, we have a total of 1137 people who have been placed on quarantine, with 881 persons currently being monitored for symptoms. The health department continues to investigate positive cases and their contacts and issue quarantine and isolation orders.

The majority of these cases continue to be clustered around the Carthage area, however we're seeing an increase in cases in each region of the county.

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 or chills,
- shortness of breath or difficulty breathing,
- fatigue,
- muscle or body aches,
- sore throat, congestion or runny nose,
- 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.