

COVID-19 UPDATE 08/24/20 6:00 PM:

Twenty-five new lab-confirmed cases and one new probable case in Perry County, MO since 08/21 update.

Twenty-one additional recoveries.

New cases 8/22: 8 lab-confirmed cases

New cases 8/23: 6 lab-confirmed cases

New cases 8/24: 11 lab-confirmed cases and 1 probable case

Active Cases: 41

The Perry County Health Department is committed to respond to COVID-19 cases in our community. The State of Missouri issued an order for Missouri Health Departments to prioritize COVID-19 positive cases of our school aged children. Our hope is with a quick response to cases, we can effectively isolate positive cases and close contacts before further spread of the disease can occur. With increasing numbers of new cases, the Perry County Health Department is reaching capacity to effectively respond with thorough investigations within a 24 hour period. As our staff work day and night, 7 days a week, we ask Perry County as a whole to help us fight this pandemic. We need every citizen, business, and organization to prioritize social distancing and mask wearing. We are asking individuals to avoid situations where social distancing, or mask wearing when social distancing cannot occur, is not practiced. When you wear a mask you are protecting those around you. It is going to take a collaborative effort by everyone to help reduce community transmission. In return, we will effectively help our children get through the school year and help establish a safer environment for our elderly and high risk populations.

We are working on analyzing current community level data in order to establish an appropriate risk level for our community. Until we have been able to accurately assess all of the new incoming information, there will not be an update to our risk level meter as we want to assure an accurate representation of where we are at as a community. Thank you for your continued patience and support as we respond to COVID-19.

For the most up to date Missouri data, visit:

<https://health.mo.gov/.../heal.../communicable/novel-coronavirus>



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