

16 NEW CASES OF COVID-19 CONFIRMED AS CDC REVISES MASK GUIDELINES FOR VACCINATED INDIVIDUALS

Kirkville, MO 7/27/21 – As the Adair County Health Department completed contact tracing for 16 new cases today, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) released revised mask guidelines for fully vaccinated individuals. Due to the rapid transmission of the Delta variant, the CDC now recommends that fully vaccinated people wear masks when indoors in public in areas of “substantial” or “high” risk for the virus. The CDC puts Adair County in the high-risk category, based on the growing number of positive cases. The CDC also today recommended that adults and children wear masks in K-12 schools regardless of vaccine status.

Although breakthrough infections of fully vaccinated persons and transmission of the virus from fully vaccinated people to unvaccinated people are rare, the Delta variant’s aggressive spread is causing public health and infectious disease experts to revisit mask guidelines. However, the vast majority of the spread of COVID-19 continues to be among unvaccinated people, a group for whom the recommendation to wear masks inside remains unchanged.

Among today’s cases in Adair County is a 41-year-old female who tested positive for COVID-19 in January and recovered. She has been fully vaccinated as well. Three people in today’s count are breakthrough cases. Two of them live with unvaccinated people whose cases have already been reported.

Today’s cases include females ages 16, 25, 35, 36, 40, 41, 55, 58 and 77. Males are ages 31, 42, two age 47, 56, 61 and 67. One case is travel-related, and four cases reside at addresses with at least one other confirmed case.

The overall case count is now 2,723 with 65 active cases and 2,635 people who have left isolation.

###