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COVID-19 Cluster Associated with Local Gathering

CASS COUNTY, MO (July 10, 2020) – During the investigation of multiple positive COVID-19 cases, the Cass County Health Department discovered that several individuals attended the same party. The party took place on July 3rd at a home between Harrisonville and Garden City near MO-7 Highway. Currently there are five positive COVID-19 cases associated with this party. The party did not have a specified guest list so identifying those that were in attendance and possibly exposed to COVID-19 has been challenging.

This statement is being released so individuals who attended the party are aware of the possible exposure. It is imperative that any individuals who attended this gathering quarantine at home for 14 days and monitor for symptoms. After being exposed to someone who has tested positive for COVID-19, it can take up to 14 days to develop symptoms. If symptoms appear, individuals are advised to contact their primary care providers. If symptomatic attendees are unable to contact their primary care provider or need assistance in getting tested, they should contact the Cass County Health Department at 816-673-4618.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), “the risk of COVID-19 spreading at events and gatherings increases” as the gathering size increases and the ability to socially distance and utilize prevention strategies decreases. Regardless of the gathering size, personal prevention practices (such as handwashing, staying home when sick, maintaining 6 feet of distance, and wearing a cloth face covering) and environmental prevention practices (such as cleaning and disinfection) are important ways to prevent the virus’s spread.

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