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COVID-19 Health Alert Franklin County

Franklin County, Missouri – The Franklin County Health Department is announcing a public health alert due to a possible COVID-19 community exposure.

Prior to being diagnosed, a symptomatic COVID-19 positive individual attended the following events:

* St. Mary of Perpetual Help Catholic Church, Villa Ridge - Prayer Group, August 20, 2020
* St. Mary of Perpetual Help Catholic Church, Villa Ridge Service, August 22, 2020 5:00 p.m.
* St. Mary of Perpetual Help Catholic Church, Villa Ridge Service, August 23, 2020 8:00 am.
* St. James, Catawissa, Service, August 23, 2020 10:00 a.m.

Due to privacy constraints and the large number of people exposed we cannot identify everyone that qualifies as a close contact and those who are not. Out of an abundance of caution the health department is asking anyone that visited the event to self-quarantine for 14 days. COVID-19 can spread up to 48 hours before a person starts feeling symptoms or knows they are sick. People in quarantine should stay home, separate themselves from others and monitor their health. Please self-monitor by taking your temperature and remain alert for symptoms (headache, sore throat, runny nose, abdominal issues, fever, cough, shortness of breath, loss of taste/smell). If you develop symptoms please contact your medical provider or the Franklin County Health Department at (636) 583-7300.