



ST. JOSEPH CONFIRMS THREE POSITIVE CASES OF COVID-19

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The City of St. Joseph has confirmed three additional positive cases of COVID-19 in the community. The first two of the three positives are family/household members of a previous positive. Both individuals are female, one in her twenties and one in her forties, and have been quarantined for the past several days. Both reside in St. Joseph and remain at home.

The third positive is a female in her twenties. There is no apparent contact to any of the other positive cases in St. Joseph. She lives in St. Joseph and is at home.

All three cases were tested at Mosaic Life Care and labs were processed through the Missouri State Public Health Lab. No other information will be provided about the individuals.

Avoiding exposure is the best way to prevent the illness as there is currently no vaccine or medications available to prevent or treat COVID-19. Other preventative actions to help prevent the spread of virus include:

- Comply with the shelter in place order.
- Social distancing to avoid close contact with others.
- Voluntary home isolation – stay home if showing symptoms of the virus.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. As a backup to the lack of soap and water, use an alcohol-based sanitizer.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces regularly.
- Stay home when you are sick, except to seek medical care. Call ahead before arriving at a clinic, hospital, or urgent care center.
- Wear a facemask if you are ill and around other people, such as when you seek medical care.
- Avoid sharing personal household items with other family members.