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Bloomfield, MO - Stoddard County Health Center Director Ben Godwin, has confirmed 77 new cases of COVID-19 since the last update on Wednesday.

He additionally confirmed two COVID-19 related deaths in Stoddard County. T

he county now sits at 236 active cases of COVID-19 and 87 COVID-19 related deaths at of Friday, September 3, 2021.

Stoddard County has seen 4444 total confirmed case of COVID-19 since the start of the pandemic.

Broken down by age group the confirmed cases since the start of the pandemic are:

0 to 19 - 685 cases

20 to 29 - 659 cases

30 to 39 - 609 cases

40 to 49 - 668 cases

50 to 59 - 576 cases

60 to 69 - 553 cases

70 to 79 - 407 cases

80-plus - 287 cases.

Broken down by gender the county has confirmed 1,982 cases in males and 2,462 cases in females.

Godwin released an update on the nursing facility outbreak. There have been 61 total confirmed cases with 13 active cases. Ten of the active cases are residents and three are staff. There have been eight deaths.

An updated community breakdown of active cases has also been released.

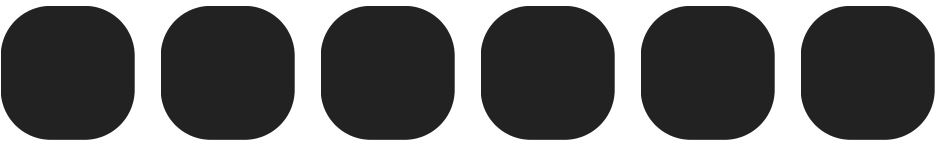
These numbers do not include the nursing facility outbreak.

Dexter has 103 active cases, Bernie 28, Bloomfield 26, Advance 22, Essex 18, Bell City 14, Puxico 11, Dudley 3 and Oran 1 (some rural Oran addresses are in Stoddard County).

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A magnitude 4.3 earthquake near Bloomfield, Stoddard County, Missouri, USA, was reported at 8:52 p.m. CST by the United States Geological Survey, considered the key international and national agency that monitors seismic activity in the US. The earthquake occurred at a very shallow depth of 0.9 miles beneath the epicenter in the evening on Tuesday, September 7th, 2021.

The exact magnitude, epicenter, and depth of the quake might be revised within the next few hours or minutes as seismologists review data and refine their calculations, or as other agencies issue their report.

A second report was later issued by the European-Mediterranean Seismological Centre (EMSC), which listed it as a magnitude 4.2 earthquake.

Based on the preliminary seismic data, the quake was probably felt by many people in the area of the epicenter. It should not have caused significant damage, other than objects falling from shelves, broken windows, etc.

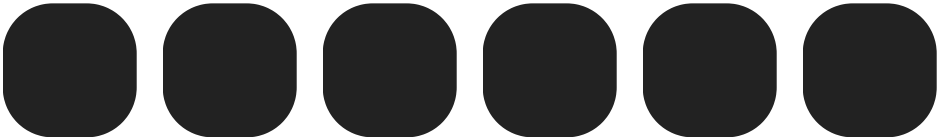
In Bloomfield (pop. 1,900) located 6 miles from the epicenter, the quake should have been felt as light shaking.

Weak shaking might have been felt in Dexter (pop. 8,000) located 11 miles from the epicenter, Bernie (pop. 2,000) 20 miles away, Sikeston (pop. 16,400) 24 miles away, Poplar Bluff (pop. 17,300) 26 miles away, and Malden (pop. 4,100) 28 miles away.

Other towns or cities near the epicenter where the quake might have been felt as very weak shaking include Jackson (pop. 14,900) located 35 miles from the epicenter, and Cape Girardeau (pop. 39,500) 36 miles away.

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Route AC in Stoddard County will be closed as Missouri Department of Transportation crews perform pavement repairs.

This section of roadway is located from Route 25 to County Road 237.

Weather permitting, work will take place Tuesday, Sept. 7 through Friday, Sept. 10 from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Open to local traffic only.

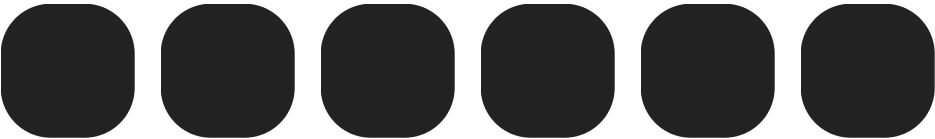
The work zone will be marked with signs. Motorists are urged to use extreme caution while traveling near the area.

For additional information, contact MoDOT’s Customer Service Center toll-free at 1-888-ASK-MODOT

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SPARKLIGHT® ENCOURAGES CUSTOMERS TO BE AWARE OF PHISHING SCAMS

With phishing scams on the rise, Sparklight® encourages customers to be vigilant about their online safety.

Phishing emails, sent by scammers, appear to be from a trusted source in order to collect confidential account information. Customers may occasionally receive phishing emails that look as if they are from Sparklight or another trusted company, but instead are designed to collect confidential account information. Sparklight will never ask customers for account information via email.

"Scammers and hackers will try to take advantage of any scenario to collect personal information," said Ken Johnson, Senior Vice President of Technology Services.

"Unfortunately, that includes preying upon vulnerabilities of consumers during a pandemic. We encourage our customers to always be aware, and exercise caution before clicking links or sharing personal information."

Signs of a suspicious email include:

A sender's email address or URL that points to a different company

Grammatical or spelling errors throughout the email

Requests for personal information or to click on a link

If customers receive suspicious emails that appear to originate from the Sparklight network, they are asked to forward the original email to **abuse@cableone.net**.

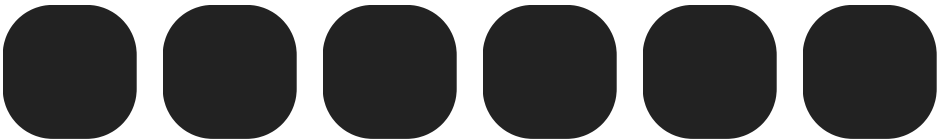
Any suspicious email should be deleted, and users should empty their deleted items folder to ensure the email is completely gone.

More information about phishing emails and online safety can be found at support.sparklight.com.

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Missouri Governor Mike Parson has proclaimed September 5th - 11th, 2021, as Suicide Prevention Week.

"I am taking a pro-active approach to suicide prevention by learning risk factors and warning signs so we can all work to reduce suicide attempts and deaths," stated Parson.

More than 1,100 Missourians die by suicide each year. That is an average of person every seven hours.

Since 2009 suicide rates have increased by 27% with Missouri ranked 16th highest in the nation.

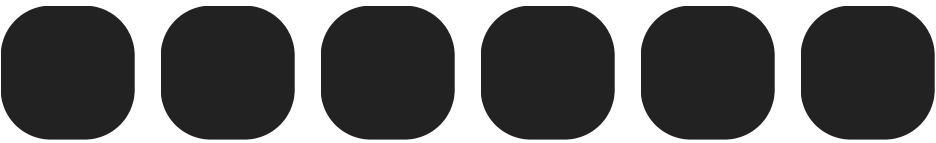
If you know of someone that is immediate crisis contact the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline at 1-800-273-TALK (8255).

Missouri has designated the twenty-second day of each month as "Buddy Check 22 Day" to promote education and awareness of the problems of suicide fcng military personnel.

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