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PUBLIC HEALTH RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED, the Lafayette County Health Department wishes to employ means available under law to protect public health, life, safety and property to limit the development, contraction, and spread of Covid-19, The Board of Trustees of the Lafayette County Health Department do entreat the various school districts, private school, and the parochial schools of Lafayette County to abide by the recommendations hereby set forth:

WHEREAS The numbers of positive cases of Covid-19 have increased by 57% for the month of July; and we have recently observed positive cases, ill cases, and even hospitalizations in young children locally whereas there were none in previous months, and cases OF Covid-19 in the 19 and under age group have increased greatly in Missouri and even more nationally; therefore,

The following recommendations are made with high importance:

- 1) That the school start date be postponed until September 14th
 - a. To allow for the effects of the Labor Day Holiday on the number of new cases to be evaluated and dealt with (the average number of daily cases in Lafayette County doubled after the 4th of July holiday weekend.)
 - b. To allow time for a countywide mask order to take effect and to determine if Lafayette County begins to show a 14 day downward trend in the number of new cases.
 - c. To allow parents, school staff and administration more time to prepare for reopening as this is a fluid situation with many unknowns and guidelines may have again changed by then.

- 2) All sports be discontinued for the fall semester/term as it is impossible to safely conduct these activities using Covid-19 prevention recommendations. The trends for our area will be analyzed mid-October to determine if our rates are low enough to safely resume sporting activities.

SO RESOLVED THIS 30TH DAY OF JULY, 2020

Tom Emerson, Director, Lafayette County Health Department and County Health Officer, and on behalf of the Lafayette County Health Department Board of Trustees.