



Pettis County

HEALTH CENTER

COVID-19 Task Force Briefing April 23, 2020

- The number of positive cases for Pettis County is continuing to increase. As of this morning there are 21 confirmed cases and the number is expected to increase. Two have resumed their regular activities and the remainder are recovering at home.
- The important part to note is that the numbers are increasing. This means we will not have a 14-day decrease in cases by May 3 and there will still be restrictions in place on May 4. This is following the national guidelines and what we know of the state guidelines.
- There will be a new public health order in place starting April 25th and there will be a public health order in place on May 3.
- Just because the Governor is lifting the Stay At Home order on May 3 does not mean there are no restrictions. Please listen carefully to what he is saying.
- We are working with our community to develop the steps to reopen safely. The current restrictions are difficult and hard on many people. Re-opening the county and then having to close again because we have too many cases to be handled for the health care system will bring more difficulty to the community.
- The plan for re-opening will be published on the Pettis County Health Center website at www.pettiscountyhealthcenter.com on **May 1**. The plan is flexible and the stages will move back and forth based upon what is happening in the community.
 - One thing that can help understand where we stand is to get tested. There are testing opportunities at Katy Trail Community Health – 877-733-5824 or Bothwell Regional Health Center Walk-In clinic through the COVID hotline by calling the main hospital number at 660-826-8833. Please contact our 2 testing sites for an appointment.

This is a difficult time for everyone and we all want to get back together with friends and family. We need to do this safely and not place ourselves and those we care about in danger.