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COMMUNITY SAMPLING

Around 400 people tested for COVID-19 during Downtown St. Joseph drive-through procedure

By CLAYTON ANDERSON
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Around 400 people were tested for COVID-19 in Downtown St. Joseph Tuesday afternoon, regardless of symptoms.

The event in the parking garage across from the Civic Arena was a community sampling event where 400 people, regardless of symptoms, participated in drive-thru testing. The tests were provided by the state of Missouri as part of expanded testing being done in the state.

The tests were performed by Northwest Health's mobile testing team with assistance from the City of St. Joseph Health Department.

The event lasted from 2 to 7 p.m., with 280 people preregistering and the rest registering on site.

Northwest Health Services

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Testing was performed by Northwest Health's mobile testing team in a Downtown parking garage located near the Civic Arena. The event lasted around five hours, resulting in 280 individuals receiving tests. Results usually are known in 24 hours for individuals after being tested.

Interim Chief Executive Officer Rodney Hummer said this is good for the community and believes anyone who feels they should be tested should get tested.

"I encourage everybody — if you have symptoms or you've been exposed, call your provider and say you want to be tested," Hummer said.

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For up-to-date information on area and national coronavirus pandemic, please visit: newspressnow.com/coronavirus.

ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL DISTRICT

Changing of the guard



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The Finance Committee of the St. Joseph School District Board of Education confer in 2019. Board members Lori Prussman, front left, and Kappy Hodges, back right, are done with their six years of service on the board — having opted to not run for re-election.

Officials welcome election victors; new leaders named

By MARCUS CLEM
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Those selected to serve our schools were formally presented to the public on Tuesday, joining a panel that also saw its leadership team changed up for the coming term.

The top-two vote recipients among Board of Education candidates from the 2020 Municipal General Election were sworn in at a St. Joseph School District

governing body special meeting at the Downtown district office. Lori Witham and Rick Gilmore placed first and second, respectively, in the June 2 election. Four other candidates did not qualify for the two open seats being vacated by Kappy Hodges and Lori Prussman, who each opted to not run for re-election.

Wright on the line

"We've accomplished a lot in the last couple of

years and there's a lot still left to accomplish," said board member Seth Wright, who elected to not seek the board presidency he has held until this moment, the impanelment of the new board, which is composed of five incumbents who were not up for election this year, as well as Witham and Gilmore.

"And so, I think it's an exciting time for the new

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Buchanan County handling some police services in DeKalb County



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Andy Clark, the former sheriff of DeKalb County, speaks at an oversight meeting for the Daviess-DeKalb Regional Jail. Clark was killed while on-duty in a vehicle accident June 3.

By MATT HOFFMANN
 News-Press NOW

Following the death of DeKalb County Sheriff Andy Clark in an on-duty car accident last week, the entire DeKalb County Sheriff's Department is released from duty until Friday.

To fill the void, many law enforcement agencies across Northwest Missouri have agreed to patrol the county's roads.

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— BILL PUETT,
 Buchanan County sheriff

those things," Buchanan County Sheriff Bill Puett said. "And it's a little more difficult when it's the chief executive, in this

case a sheriff, and so it allows that agency to be able to process and deal with the things that they need to deal with."

Missouri law allows police agencies to assist one another at the request of a sheriff, Puett said.

"There are still citizens that need to be served," he said. "So that's why other area law enforcement agencies are so willing to step up, provide some resources to help serve that community."

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Floyd's death sparks change

George Floyd, whose death ignited a global reckoning over police brutality and racial prejudice, was fondly remembered Tuesday at his funeral.

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14,913 COVID-19 cases in Missouri, 840 deaths

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Missouri recorded **14,913** cases of COVID-19 on Tuesday, according to the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services.

The number of cases is up by 179 from 14,734 on Monday, resulting in a **0.8%** increase.

The number of deaths in-

creased from 819 to **840**.

In Buchanan County, **755** people have tested positive for the virus as of Tuesday, according to the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services.

Mosaic Life Care has issued 7,894 tests in its service area, with 377 returning a positive result, 7,218 a negative result

and **299** still pending. Thirteen people are inpatients in St. Joseph, and there is one inpatient in Albany.

Kansas recorded **10,650** cases of COVID-19 on Monday, up from 10,393 on Friday. A total of **236** people have died. The Kansas Department of Health releases numbers on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

To view national and worldwide maps of confirmed COVID-19 cases, please visit: www.newspressnow.com/multimedia.

COVID-19 PANDEMIC BY REGION

Numbers listed below reflect the latest data collected as of 10:15 p.m. Tuesday.

REGION	CASES	DEATHS
Buchanan Co.	755	2
Missouri	14,913	840
Kansas*	10,650	236
United States	1,985,723	111,989
Worldwide	7,238,723	411,177

SOURCES: John Hopkins University; (Worldwide) — <https://coronavirus.jhu.edu/map.html> (United States) — <https://coronavirus.jhu.edu/us-map> (Buchanan County) — Buchanan County (Missouri) — Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services (*Kansas) — Kansas Department of Health and Environment. The state has ended its daily reports and will release numbers on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays for its COVID-19 cases.

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 HIGH: **76°**
 LOW: **54°**

Tundershow in the morning with very strong wind, then turning sunny in the afternoon. Northwest wind at 12 to 25 mph, gusting up to 40 to 50 mph. **Details on Page A2**

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