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COLE COUNTY, MO – Cole County Health Department has recently made improvements to the COVID-19 reporting page on our website, [www.colehealth.org](http://www.colehealth.org).

In addition to developing a weekly dashboard report that is published on Fridays, the number of long term care facility residents that test positive for COVID-19 will be reported separately. In order to protect personal health information, the names of the residents and long term care facilities where they reside will not be shared. All long term care facility data will be reported separately in the weekly dashboard report and will not be reflected in the daily case numbers, demographics and the community percent positivity rate.

As this situation changes, the Cole County Health Department will be sending out additional information. If you have questions, please consult a factual source, such as <http://www.CDC.gov> or [www.health.mo.gov/coronavirus](http://www.health.mo.gov/coronavirus). The community can also call the Cole County Health Department at (573) 636-2181, or MDHSS 24-hour hotline (877) 435-8411 to address questions or concerns related to COVID-19.