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PRESS RELEASE

Today is Tuesday, July 21st and this is a 4:40 Covid-19 update. Roane County as of July 21st has 147 positives with 75 active cases, 72 which have recovered. Roane County has no deaths. We have tested 7,400 people. On July 16th I reported 105 positives with 50 active cases, so we are averaging about eight (8) additional positive cases a day. Approximately 2% tests are positive. Both positive and active cases continue to grow. More daily testing is taking place and our results are beginning to come back quicker.

Most all major businesses began requiring facial covering/mask this week. I think it is fair to assume that current positives are from activities about 10-15 days ago. That being said, requirement of the facial covering/mask implement by businesses last week and this week should reflect in our numbers in the upcoming weeks. We understand that with more positive cases the potential is greater for widespread exposure. More testing and greater exposure leads to more positive cases.

Please wear your mask in public.

Let me answer a question. When have you been exposed?

- If you have been with someone within six (6) feet and greater than ten (10) minutes, that would count as a positive exposure.
- Direct contact with a Covid-19 positive person.
- Living with someone who is positive.
- Caring for a Covid-19 person.

If exposed, self-isolate and be aware and monitor for symptoms. If you experience symptoms, get tested. Just because one has been exposed doesn't mean they should be tested. The virus may be dormant for up to 14 days, thus tests up to 14 days may reflect negative results.

Stay in tune with us and we will try to do another update by Thursday.

God bless Roane County, our State, and our Nation.

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