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July 2nd, 2020 For Immediate Release Stone County Health Department Kanakuk K-2 Covid-19 Outbreak update

Stone County Health Department (SCHD) continues to investigate a Covid-19 outbreak at Kanakuk K-2 camp in Lampe (Stone County). At the time of this release 41 campers, counselors and staff have tested positive for Covid-19. All 41 positive cases were from the Kanakuk K-2 camp in Lampe. These cases reside in 10 states and multiple counties in Missouri. Many of these cases returned to their place of residence and then tested positive. At this time there are no positive cases that reside in Stone County.

Kanakuk is working with SCHD and made the decision to shut down the K-2 camp for this term after being alerted to the suspected outbreak. The decision to close has resulted in all campers, counselors and staff to return to their homes. SCHD will be working closely with Kanakuk Kamps to identify exposed individuals and quarantine those individuals, as necessary. More information will be released as it becomes available.

The health department encourages all residents to take appropriate precautions such as good hand hygiene and social distancing. CDC is also recommending cloth face coverings or masks as an additional, voluntary public health measure to help slow the spread of COVID-19 (N95 respirators should continue to be reserved for healthcare workers and other medical first responders). The cloth face coverings or masks should be worn in areas of significant community-based transmission (e.g., grocery stores and pharmacies).

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