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August 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020 For Immediate Release Stone County Health Department Soul Harvest Revival at New Life Fellowship Church Case Update

Stone County Health Department (SCHD) is confirming 8 individuals who attended the Soul Harvest Revival, have tested positive for Covid-19. These individuals were symptomatic and contagious during the Soul Harvest Revival. The positive cases are spread out over multiple counties as well as their contacts. Contact tracing of these cases have identified 67 individuals who have been quarantined for 14 days from their last date of exposure. Several of these contacts are experiencing Covid-19 symptoms and are awaiting test results. SCHD will continue to monitor these individuals for the duration of their quarantine.

It was reported that over 100 individuals were at the revival over the course of 6 days. Due to the number of cases attending the Revival throughout the week the risk of exposure is very high. "In a case like this where the names of all the attendees are not known, we have to rely on the community to contact us. We are aware that all individuals who attended the revival have not been in contact with us. This is an unfortunate situation for our community and specifically the town of Crane. In order to contain the spread of the virus we have to know who attended and whether or not they have become ill since attending. We sincerely hope that if the attendees are not willing to contact the health department they will consider that they could be contagious and spread the illness to someone who is not able to recover. We urge anyone who attended to quarantine, monitor for symptoms and get tested if symptoms develop" says Pam Burnett, Administrator of the Stone County Health Department.

When New Life Fellowship church was alerted to the positive cases they made the decision to only provide "Live Feed" services for the duration of the quarantine period. SCHD will be working closely with New Life Fellowship Church 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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