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SCC HEALTH ASSISTING AREA HOSPITALS WITH INVESTIGATION OF TWO DEATHS

St. Charles County, Missouri – The St. Charles County Department of Community Health and the Environment believes that there is no widespread public health risk with regards to the deaths of two people reported in the community this week. The department is collaborating with two St. Charles County hospitals in an investigation into the cause of these two deaths.

Area hospital technicians and the Missouri State Laboratory are conducting testing to determine the cause of death for two family members from St. Charles County. Results of these examinations are expected within the next few days. However, all available data indicates that these are isolated events, and that there does not appear to be a greater public health threat.

“We extend condolences to the family and appreciate their cooperation as we seek answers to what may have caused these tragic deaths,” Department Director Hope Woodson said. “Hospital laboratory technicians and the Missouri State Laboratory are diligently working to determine a cause of death, which will enable medical providers to further treat those who may be affected. In the interim, if members of the community have medical concerns, we ask that they consult their personal medical provider.”

The St. Charles County Department of Community Health and the Environment is committed to the protection and enhancement of health and the quality of life for all members of our community. Through three divisions — Public Health, Environmental Health and Protection, and Humane Services — the department provides a wide range of services that benefit residents and visitors. For more information, please visit www.sccmo.org or call (636) 949-7400.

Please remember that February is typically the peak of flu season in our community, although the “peak season” can extend into the late spring. Protect yourself and your loved ones by getting an influenza vaccination, avoiding close contact with those who are sick, and washing your hands regularly with warm water and soap or an alcohol-based gel.

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