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Christian County has its 7th confirmed case of COVID-19

Ozark, MO – The Missouri Department of Health has reported to the Christian County Health Department that as of Friday March 27, 2020 at 8:00 a.m. seven (7) cases of COVID-19 have been confirmed.

There have been three (3) new cases in Christian County reported since 6:00 p.m. on March 26th. This brings our total to 7 cases. Health Department officials have been expecting this increase would come; but also want to gain control of the situation as a community as soon as possible.

It is time to start weighing decisions on an individual level. We have held onto the mantra of wash your hands and keep distanced from other people. We must all join in this effort by making good decisions. Wash your hands both before leaving home or work and then again when returning. This protects both you and those you come into contact with.

Christian County Health Department Administrator Cindy Bilyeu says, “As the number of positive cases in Christian County are starting to increase, we would like to inform our community that we have extra qualified staff coming onboard to assist with these investigations. We will continue to put forth 100% effort towards the process of identifying all those who have come in contact with known cases and asking for self-quarantine of those individuals.”

The Christian County Health Department advises during the Stay at Home Order there are still several essential services that are available. The key word here is “essential”. Please refrain from making unnecessary trips to businesses or other areas that are “allowed” trips. Multiple trips mean multiple chances to spread the COVID 19 virus. Consolidate trips to the grocery store, gas stations or other areas, this helps both you and those you might be unknowingly infecting in the event that you or those you are temporarily sharing a space with have contracted the virus, but aren’t seeing symptoms yet. Sometimes we assume someone near us is “safe” because they don’t look or act sick. Please do not make these assumptions. Very few of our cases knew they were being exposed at the time they initially contracted the virus. It is temporarily a whole new approach for a close-knit community to live by. Yet it is of utmost importance for each of us to be a part of the solution to this unwanted situation. Protect yourself, and protect those around you.

If you are sick, call your physician. If you don’t have a physician, call the state hotline: 877-435-8411

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