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Christian County has its 2nd confirmed case of COVID-19

Ozark, MO – The Missouri Department of Health has reported to the Christian County Health Department that as of Monday March 23, 2020 at 10:30 a.m. a second case of COVID-19 has been confirmed. A second Christian County resident has tested positive for COVID-19 since the beginning of the pandemic. The new confirmed case is the spouse of the first confirmed case.

At this time, we do not have any community spread in Christian County. The two confirmed cases traveled to a bordering state and were exposed to COVID-19 at a group event there.

The Christian County Health Department is reporting that as of 10:30 a.m. Monday March 23, 2020,

- Thirty-nine (39) total tests have been conducted;
- Two (2) individuals have tested positive;
- Eight (8) test have come back negative;
- Three (3) individuals who are symptomatic and waiting on testing;
- Twenty-nine (29) tests are still pending;
- Sixty-two (62) people are quarantined. We are following them closely with temperatures being taken twice day as well as checking for signs and symptoms.

Christian County Health Department Administrator Cindy Bilyeu says, “As COVID-19 case numbers continue to rise across the nation. We are relieved to report that Christian County has had only two (2) positive cases thus far. We understand that as time passes it will become more challenging to do recommended social distancing. Our numbers indicate that Christian County residents are doing a good job in following guidance, and it is very much appreciated. Please continue to stay diligent.”

The Christian County Health Department strongly recommends:

- No gatherings of ten (10) or more people.
- Stay informed with information from the CDC.
- Practice social distancing.
- Wash your hands and practice good hand hygiene.

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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