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Christian County has its 4th confirmed case of COVID-19

Ozark, MO – The Missouri Department of Health has reported to the Christian County Health Department that as of Thursday March 26, 2020 at 11:00 a.m. two more cases of COVID-19 have been confirmed.

The first two (2) confirmed cases traveled to a bordering state and were exposed to COVID-19 at a group event there. The third case investigation is still continuing as our medical team works to confirm the source of disease transmission. Preliminary information leads to a possible link to earlier cases that have been reported in neighboring county. The fourth case is a traveler related and had no exposure to anyone after returning to Christian County.

The Christian County Health Department is reporting that as of 11:00 a.m. Thursday March 26, 2020,

- Eighty-five (85) total tests have been conducted;
- Four (4) individuals have tested positive;
- Forty-seven (47) test have come back negative;
- Thirty-four (34) tests are still pending;
- Fifty-three (53) people are currently quarantined.
- Thirteen (13) have completed quarantine.

Christian County Health Department Administrator Cindy Bilyeu says, “While we are dismayed to have additional cases; we do not have any information that would lead for strong concern of community transmission. Our community leaders and the citizens they serve have remained diligent in their efforts to keep the spread of the disease from escalating. The Stay at Home orders that have been adopted this week have added another layer of safety to our community.”

The Christian County Health Department asks you to follow the Christian County, City of Ozark and City of Nixa Stay-at-home orders:

- Stay home unless going out for essential items/essential business
- 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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