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Indication That Stay at Home Order is Working

Christian County Health Department reports that as of 9:00 a.m. on April 3, 2020, the State of Missouri has reported a total of sixteen (16) positive cases of COVID-19 whose residence is within Christian County. Our number of cases is slowly increasing. There is a strong indication that social distancing is working. In a county with over 86,000 residents, only (16) positives have been reported.

- Fifteen (15) out of the sixteen (16) reported cases have known how, or why they contracted the virus.
- Eight (8) cases have travelled either out of State or out of the U.S.
- Seven (7) cases have either been in direct contact with a positive co-worker or are the spouse of one of the now positive co-workers.
- None of the employment related exposures work in Christian County.
- While the only case not related to travel or work is uncertain where they were exposed, they feel strongly that they contracted the virus at a gym prior to the stay at home order

This data paints a clear picture that Christian County residents are not spreading the virus among themselves at this time. It has been determined that travel and close contact with others (such as co-workers) increases the risk of spreading the virus.

We understand the Stay at Home order takes its toll in various ways on our citizens. We are asking everyone, who possibly can, to continue to be respectful of the order in an effort to keep their family, friends and neighbors as healthy as possible during these challenging times. Christian County is often noted as one of the healthiest counties in the State of MO. Let's keep it that way!

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