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Christian County working to contain COVID-19

Ozark, MO - The Christian County Health Department, along with Missouri Department of Public Health and the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), are closely monitoring available information on COVID-19. Christian County Health Department is continuing to work alongside our regional partners to make sure that every effort to contain the virus is made.

There have been eighteen (18) confirmed positive cases so far in Christian County. Of the eighteen (18) confirmed cases there have been eight (8) recoveries. It is important to note that some of those not listed as “recovered” are free of symptoms but haven’t met the mandatory CDC timeline for being declared recovered.

The staff of Christian County Health Department is tasked with protecting the health of our entire county, and does so with professionalism, integrity, and pride. While performing communicable disease investigations, CCHD strives to safeguard the private health information of affected patients. In some rare cases it is necessary to share normally protected information related to the investigation for the purpose of protecting the public. Such decisions are not made lightly, and the CCHD utilizes the guidance of our state and federal public health partners as well as the latest epidemiological findings to come to a reasoned conclusion about necessity.

Preventing the spread of COVID-19 in our communities is a shared responsibility. We must all assume that we could be infected by any person we encounter and any home or business we enter. Everyone must physically distance themselves and continue to practice thorough hand-washing techniques. Christian County Health Department is appreciative of all the residents who are staying at home. We thank our community leaders, first responders, and healthcare providers for their service and self-sacrifice. We are grateful for the public’s support during this time while we continue to work tirelessly to slow the spread of the virus and safeguard private health information. As we learn more about COVID-19 with each passing day, we will continue to work with our partners across the county to carry out our mission to protect the health of Christian County’s citizens. Updates to our current numbers and processes can be found on the Christian County Health Department Facebook page and at christiancountyhealth.com.

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