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Christian County Health Department

We would like to thank our citizens of Christian County for their dedication and support in their efforts to control the spread of COVID-19. We do acknowledge that the stay-at-home orders have been difficult as well as challenging for our community. As of May 4, 2020, many businesses have been allowed to reopen their services to the public on a limited basis. As more individuals transition back into the community, we have the potential of seeing a rise in COVID-19 cases. Christian County Health Department would like to remind the community of the steps necessary to protect their health and the health of those around them:

- Practice careful social distancing (place six feet of distance between yourself and other individuals outside of your household)
- Consider wearing a face mask while in public areas
- Wash hands with soap and water
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick
- Stay at home if you become sick and contact your physician

Currently, there are twenty (21) cases of COVID-19 in Christian County. At this time, seventeen (17) cases have been released from home quarantine/isolation per guidelines from Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). With the health and safety of our community being our main priority, we will continue to closely monitor the situation and provide updates as new information is available.

Just as a reminder, Christian County Health Department is mandated by the Missouri Department of Health and Human Services to protect health information about cases that arise in our county. Please keep in mind that the information we are allowed to release is very limited. Case location, other than county, is information that we are not allowed to release, unless there is a potential risk for community exposure. As we continue to complete investigations, we will determine if community exposure has occurred. If we find that community exposure has occurred, then please be assured that we will be allowed to release locations where a case has visited.

For additional COVID-19 information, please visit <https://www.christiancountyhealth.com/>, or follow us on Facebook @christiancountyhealth

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