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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Three New Confirmed COVID-19 Cases

The Christian County Health Department is releasing information to the public about potential COVID-19 exposures in Ozark and Sparta. Today, three new cases of COVID-19 have been confirmed in Christian County. With the addition of three (3) new cases, Christian County Health Department is reporting a total of twenty-six (26) COVID-19 related cases (23 confirmed cases and three (3) probable cases). The health department is currently monitoring three (3) active cases.

One of the county's recent positive cases visited Kum & Go in Ozark (305 W. South St.) for a brief time at approximately 3:00 p.m. each day over a 5-day time frame from May 23rd through May 27th. The individual also visited two Dollar General Stores, which were located in Sparta and Ozark (150 Vanilla Bean Rd., Sparta; 1501 E. State Hwy. 14, Ozark) on May 23rd between 1:00 and 1:30 p.m. Anyone present at the locations listed during the specific dates and times identified above is considered to be at low risk for contracting COVID-19, but should monitor for symptoms. If you experience any symptoms of a fever 100.4 or greater, sore throat, headache, cough, muscle pain, chills, loss of taste or smell, and/or shortness of breath, then you are encouraged to consult with a physician to discuss testing.

Christian County Health Department would like to remind you to stay home and consult with a physician if you feel sick. COVID-19 is spread through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs or sneezes. The virus spreads between people who are in close contact with one another. The health department would like to remind the community that some individuals who have tested positive for COVID-19 have not exhibited any symptoms, but those individuals are still able to spread the virus to others. Please continue to practice social distancing by providing at least 6-feet between you and others who are not in your household. The health department also highly encourages you to wear a face mask or other face covering while out in the community if it is not possible for you to maintain adequate social distancing between yourself and others.

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