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Three New Confirmed Cases of COVID-19 Reported in Christian County

The Christian County Health Department is releasing information to the public about potential COVID-19 community exposures in Nixa and Ozark. Three (3) new confirmed cases of COVID-19 have been identified. The county is reporting a total of thirty-four (34) COVID-19 related cases (30 confirmed cases and 4 probable cases). There are currently nine (9) active cases being monitored by the health department.

Investigators have identified three (3) locations of potential exposure within the community.

Locations:

- Saturday, May 30: One case reported visiting Walmart in Ozark (at approximately 5:00 p.m. for a brief time); a second case reported visiting Walmart in Ozark in the evening hours (no specific time given)
- Saturday, May 30: Dollar Tree in Ozark (at approximately 5:10 p.m. for a brief time)
- Monday, June 1: The UPS Store in Nixa (at approximately 11:00 a.m. for a brief time)
- Tuesday, June 2: Walmart in Ozark (2:15 p.m.-2:33 p.m.)

The health department considers anyone visiting the three (3) locations identified above to be at low risk for contracting COVID-19, but should monitor themselves for symptoms. Symptoms include fever or chills, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, sore throat, new loss of taste or smell, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, or diarrhea. There is no need to self-quarantine or isolate unless you have symptoms develop. Anyone who develops symptoms of COVID-19 should contact their health care provider regarding testing and take all necessary precautions to avoid exposing others.

Christian County Health Department would like to remind the community about the free COVID-19 testing opportunity that is open to any individual with a Missouri residency. The free testing site will be located at the Ozark Empire Fairgrounds, 3001 N. Grant Ave, Springfield, Missouri on June 4th and 5th from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. both days. You do not have to have symptoms and you do not have to be a resident of Greene County in order to receive the free COVID-19 testing. The test that is being offered is a PCR test that identifies active COVID-19 infection. Interested participants are highly encouraged to pre-register. To register online, please visit health.mo.gov/communitytest. To pre-register by phone, please call Missouri COVID-19 hotline at 877-435-8411. The health department highly encourages Christian County residents to participate in this free COVID-19 testing event.

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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