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#### New COVID-19 Case and Potential Exposure in Christian County

Christian County Health Department is reporting one new confirmed case of COVID-19. The newest case brings the county to thirty-eight (38) cases (thirty-three (33) confirmed and five (5) probable). The health department is currently following seven (7) active cases. Investigators have been unable to link the newest case to any other positive case, so this case is considered to be community spread. The individual that tested positive has been placed on home quarantine and all identified contacts to this case have been notified by the health department.

Christian County Health Department is also releasing information to the public about a potential community exposure to a COVID-19 positive individual being investigated by another county health department. The positive case was unmasked and symptomatic when they visited Lamberts Cafe in Ozark on Monday, June 15<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-7:30 pm. Anyone who visited the location during the timeframe listed is considered to be at low risk for contracting COVID-19 but should monitor for symptoms. There is no need to self-quarantine or isolate unless symptoms develop.

Symptoms of COVID-19 include:

- Fever or chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

In order to help prevent or stop the spread of COVID-19 the health department encourages all citizens to:

- Stay at home if you are ill, and contact your physician
- Practice social distancing while out in the community
- Avoid large gatherings and crowded places
- Continue wearing a face mask or other face covering while out in public areas
- Practice good hand hygiene

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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*