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Two New Community Spread COVID-19 Cases Confirmed in Christian County

Two new cases of COVID-19 have been confirmed in Christian County. Both cases are considered to be community spread due to investigators being unable to link the two new cases to another positive case. Both cases have been notified and instructed to isolate at home until they meet Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) criteria for release. Close contacts of both cases have been identified and instructed to quarantine at home as well.

Christian County Health Department is releasing information to the public about a potential community exposure to one of the positive cases. The case visited Price Cutter in Nixa on Friday, June 19th and Tuesday, June 23rd around 10:30 am for approximately fifteen (15) minutes each visit. The individual did wear a mask during both visits; however, the individual was infectious and symptomatic. Anyone who visited the location during the timeframes 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. An investigation is still being completed for potential community exposures in relation to the second case. If additional community exposures are identified, the health department will release further information.

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

Christian County currently has a cumulative total of forty-four (44) COVID-19 cases (thirty-nine (39) confirmed and five (5) probable), with eleven (11) active cases being monitored. Due to the newest cases being community spread, the health department would like to remind residents to interact within the environment carefully. All residents should practice social distancing while out in public areas, wear a face mask or other face covering if social distancing is not possible, practice good hand hygiene, and avoid crowded areas or large gatherings. In addition, anyone experiencing symptoms of COVID-19 should stay home and seek medical attention.

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