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Two New COVID-19 Cases and Potential Exposures Reported in Christian County

The newest confirmed case of COVID-19 is considered to be community spread. The individual has been notified and instructed to quarantine at home. Close contacts of the case have been identified and instructed to quarantine at home as well. The second case is a probable case that was identified through antibody testing. The individual reported being ill in March and is no longer considered to be infectious. Christian County currently has a cumulative total of forty-six (46) COVID-19 cases (forty (40) confirmed and six (6) probable), with eleven (11) active cases being monitored. The county has one confirmed COVID-19 related death.

Investigators have identified potential exposures within the community in relation to the newest case and a case that was under investigation from June 24th.

Locations:

- Tuesday, June 16: The Corner Cafe in Clever (at approximately 8:00 a.m. No specific length of time reported); Walgreens in Nixa (at approximately 10:15 a.m. for a brief time); O'Reilly Auto Parts in Nixa (at approximately 10:25 a.m. for a brief time). (No mask, symptomatic, and infectious)
- Wednesday, June 17: Rosie Jo's Cafe in Ozark (at approximately 8:07 a.m. No specific length of time reported). (No mask, symptomatic, and infectious)
- Thursday, June 18: Economy Tire & Muffler in Ozark (at approximately 3:30 p.m. for a brief time); Walmart in Ozark (at approximately 2:30 p.m. for a brief time). (No mask, symptomatic, and infectious)
- Friday, June 19: Lowe's in Ozark (at approximately 10:30 a.m. for a brief time); Wheeler Gardens in Highlandville (at approximately 11:00 a.m. for a brief time); Safari Off-Road in Nixa (at approximately 8:00 a.m. for a brief time). (No mask, symptomatic, and infectious)
- Sunday, June 21: Oldfield Church of Christ from 9:30-10:30 a.m. (No mask, no symptoms, but infectious)

Anyone who visited the locations 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.

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

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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