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Twenty-Six New Cases of COVID-19 Reported in Christian County

Christian County Health Department has received twenty-six (26) new COVID-19 cases over the weekend. Christian County has a total of three-hundred ninety-five (395) cases (three-hundred sixty-eight (368) confirmed and twenty-seven (27) probable). The health department is currently monitoring one-hundred sixty-nine (169) active cases. Christian County has one (1) COVID-19 related death.

Only fifty-six (56) cases were reported between March 17th and July 1, 2020. Since July 2nd, the health department has received three-hundred thirty-nine (339) additional cases.

Of the three-hundred ninety-five (395) total number of COVID-19 cases reported in Christian County since March 17th, fourteen (14) individuals have been hospitalized. At this time, four (4) Christian County residents remain hospitalized with all four (4) of those individuals currently on a ventilator. Not all of the hospitalized individuals had co-morbidities that contributed to their hospitalization.

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

Anyone experiencing symptoms of COVID-19 should stay home and seek medical attention.

With the recent significant increase in positive cases, the health department would like to remind the community that at this point-in-time there is a potential for you to be exposed at any public location. The best way to prevent illness is to avoid being exposed to the COVID-19 virus. The health department is urging all community members to wear a face mask during instances where staying more than six feet away from others is a challenge. The correct use of a face mask (having the face mask fully covering your mouth and nose) and the consistent use of a face mask will offer protection to people around you, especially those who are at higher risk of getting sick. Please keep in mind that you may be infected with COVID-19 without realizing it, so wearing a face mask correctly and consistently significantly reduces the risk that you will spread the virus to others unknowingly.

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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