



**DR. KAREN PEAK**  
**Administrator**  
**Christian County Health Department**  
301 E. Brick St.  
Ozark, Missouri 65721  
Health Dept: 417-581-7285  
Karen.peak@lpha.mo.gov

August 21, 2020  
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### **Twenty-nine (29) additional cases reported in Christian County**

Christian County Health Department received twenty-nine (29) new COVID-19 cases over the past two (2) days. Christian County has a total of five-hundred fifty-two (552) cases (five-hundred twenty-one (521) confirmed and thirty-one (31) probable). The health department is currently monitoring one-hundred ninety-three (193) active cases. Christian County has two (2) COVID-19 related deaths.

Of the five-hundred fifty-two (552) total number of cases reported in Christian County, fifty-six (56) cases were reported between March 17th and June 30, 2020. During the month of July the health department received two-hundred thirty-eight (238) additional cases. So far, during the month of August, the health department has received an additional two-hundred fifty-eight (258) new cases.

Of the five-hundred fifty-two (552) total number of COVID-19 cases reported in Christian County since March 17th, nineteen (19) individuals have been hospitalized. At this time, eight (8) Christian County residents remain hospitalized with two (2) 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.

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.

###

#### **Media Contact:**

Samantha Payne | Public Information Officer | City of Ozark  
(Serving as PIO for Christian County Health Department during this incident)  
417-581-7002 ext. 2001 | spayne@ozarkmissouri.com