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### **Christian County's total COVID-19 case count increases to six-hundred nine (609)**

Christian County Health Department is reporting fifty-seven (57) new cases of COVID-19. Christian County currently has a total of six-hundred nine (609) cases (five-hundred seventy-two (572) confirmed and thirty-seven (37) probable). The health department staff is currently monitoring two-hundred twenty-five (225) active cases. Two (2) COVID-19 related deaths have been reported for Christian County.

Of the six-hundred nine (609) total number of cases reported, 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 three-hundred fifteen (315) new cases.

Of the six-hundred nine (609) total number of COVID-19 cases reported in Christian County since March 17th, twenty-two (22) individuals have been hospitalized. At this time, eleven (11) Christian County residents remain hospitalized with three (3) of those individuals currently on a ventilator. Not all of the hospitalized individuals had co-morbidities that contributed to their hospitalization. With the significant increase in the number of cases over the past few days, the health department would like to inform the community that the nursing staff and contact tracers are working as quickly as possible to reach out to each positive case and their known contacts; however, with the volume of cases that we are continuing to see, it may be a few days before we are able to reach you for the investigation. Please keep in mind that leaving multiple messages at the health department will only slow the response time, so we would like to ask community members to only leave one message and know that staff will return your call in the order in which it was received.

In order to do your part and help slow the spread of COVID-19, the health department is recommending that you wear a face mask during instances where you are unable to socially distance of at least 6-feet from others who do not live in the same household as you, practice proper hand hygiene, and avoid large crowds and gatherings. If you are experiencing symptoms of COVID-19, please seek medical attention. If you have been diagnosed with COVID-19 or if you are identified as a close contact of someone diagnosed with COVID-19, then please make sure you follow isolation and quarantine recommendations provided to you by the health department.

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