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### **Christian County Confirms Fifty-Two (52) New Cases of COVID-19 Over the Weekend**

Christian County Health Department is reporting fifty-two (52) additional cases of COVID-19 in the past two (2) days. Christian County currently has a total of seven-hundred twenty-eight (728) cases (six-hundred eighty-seven (687) confirmed and forty-one (41) probable). The health department staff is currently monitoring two-hundred eighty-nine (289) active cases.

Of the seven-hundred twenty-eight (728) 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 four-hundred thirty-four (434) new cases.

With the significant increase in the number of cases over the past two days, the health department is still in the process of reaching out to a large number of positive cases, so an update on the number of hospitalizations, the number of individuals that are currently on a ventilator, and the number of deaths will be reported in a future press release. As a reminder, our 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 every individual to complete 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.

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

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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*