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### **One (1) Additional Death and One-Hundred Fifteen (115) New Cases of COVID-19 Reported Over the Holiday Weekend in Christian County**

Christian County Health Department is reporting one-hundred fifteen (115) additional cases of COVID-19 and one (1) additional death over the Labor Day weekend. Christian County currently has a total of nine-hundred thirty-six (936) cases (eight-hundred eighty-two (882) confirmed and fifty-four (54) probable). The health department staff is currently monitoring four-hundred seven (407) active cases. The latest death was a male in his sixty's (60s). That individual was reported to have underlying health conditions. The health department extends our deepest and most sincere condolences to the family. Christian County has a total of four (4) COVID-19 related deaths.

Of the nine-hundred thirty-six (936) 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) cases. During the month of August, four-hundred thirty-one (431) additional cases were reported. So far for the month of September, two-hundred eleven (211) cases have been reported.

Since March 17th, twenty-six (26) individuals have been hospitalized. At this time, eight (8) Christian County residents remain hospitalized with none of those individuals currently on a ventilator. Not all of the hospitalized individuals had co-morbidities that contributed to their hospitalization.

Due to the significant increase in the number of cases over the past few days, The Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services is assisting the health department in notifying positive cases. We would like the public to know that The Department of Health and Senior Services staff, the Christian County Health Department staff and the 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. If you need to call the health department for information, then please leave only one message because leaving multiple messages will only slow the response time. Our staff will return your call in the order in which it was received.

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

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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*