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**Taney County Health Department Investigates Case of COVID-19 in Healthcare Worker**

Christian County Health Department is partnering with the Taney County Health Department and Cox Medical Center Branson on the investigation of a Christian County resident testing positive for COVID-19. The individual is a healthcare employee at CoxHealth Heart Center, a stand-alone clinic Branson. Anyone who was in close contact has been notified and the individual is in isolation at this time.

There have been ten (10) confirmed case of COVID-19 in Christian County. Currently cases are spread fairly even between Nixa (4), Ozark (3), and Sparta (3). While we are reporting cities with positive cases; it is important to remember that at this time these locations are not at an increased risk for new exposures or contraction of COVID19. It is just as likely that our next case could reside at any one of the other communities in our county that have yet to have a case. Christian County Health Department asks that you please stay at home unless you must go out for essential items, such as food and medications.

Symptoms of COVID-19 include cough, fever, and shortness of breath. Preventive measures continue to be the best way to slow the spread of COVID-19. Prevention for individuals includes; washing your hands, avoid gatherings of 10 or more, and stay at home unless essential.

For additional COVID-19 information, visit [www.christiancountyhealth.net](http://www.christiancountyhealth.net) , or follow us on Facebook @christiancountyhealth

If you are sick, call your physician. If you don't have a physician, call the state hotline: 877-435-8411

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