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Christian-Montgomery County Emergency Management Agency

News Release (3/30/2020 1200 hrs)

As of 5:00 pm last night, the following test numbers from each County are Montgomery County, 10 pending tests, 1 previous positive test, and 29 negative tests. Christian County has 7 pending tests, 13 positive tests, and 25 negative tests.

The following is an update on the Rolling Meadows Senior Living facility in Taylorville operated by Lutheran Social Services of Illinois. The facility has been placed on quarantine as a protective measure after eleven new individual COVID-19 cases were confirmed in that facility yesterday as announced in the previous news release. No visitors will be allowed until further notice. Public Health is closely monitoring the residents. A site-specific operations team working under the established unified command structure has been assigned by Chris-Mont Emergency Management Agency, Public Health and the City of Taylorville to focus on the response and needs of Rolling Meadows and its residents. This site-specific team allows us to ensure we can still focus on the bigger picture of the entire county in this COVID-19 response while actively responding to the needs of Rolling Meadows. The Medical Reserve Corps volunteer professionals and a team of nurses working under the direction of Christian County Public Health are assisting with further investigation and taking phone calls from the general public. Any further notifications determined through the investigation will be made as appropriate. If you are contacted by public health officials, please respond immediately. We are all in this together, so your support and prayers are much appreciated.

The Montgomery County Public Health Department has confirmed that a second Montgomery County resident has tested positive for COVID-19. The person has been quarantined at their home since experiencing symptoms and is doing well at this time. The individual has been educated to not leave their home and has complied with quarantine procedures even before their COVID-19 test came back positive. Public health officials will not be releasing more specific details about this individual due to privacy issues at this time.

There has been some concern raised locally about becoming exposed to COVID-19 through the mail. According to the United States Postal Service, "There is currently no evidence that COVID-19 can be spread through the mail". They cite the CDC and World Health Organization as its source of information. It can be a good practice to wipe envelopes and packages down with disinfecting wipes and utilize hand washing and hand sanitizer after handling mail.

The Christian and Montgomery County Department' of Public Health strongly urges you to fully obey the Governors Stay At Home Order, which went into effect March 21<sup>st</sup> and extends to April 7<sup>th</sup> at this time. Also, The President recently extended Social Distancing Guidelines until April 30, 2020.

If you should develop one or more of these symptoms, please call your doctor for guidance or the Christian County Health Department at 217-824-4113 or Montgomery County Health Department at 217-532-2001. If your symptoms are severe, seek emergency treatment via an Emergency Department (please call ahead) or by dialing 911 if you have a life-threatening emergency (please let the dispatcher know if you have flu-like symptoms). The CDC and IDPH websites are excellent resources for answers to your questions or you can contact your local county health department at the numbers noted in this release.

We are all in this together! / #OneTeamOneFight

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