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Stay at Home Order issued for Christian County, Missouri

OZARK, Missouri – The Christian County Commission after consulting with appropriate city, county, and state officials in the region, issued a Stay at Home order in response to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. The order takes effect beginning 12:01 A.M. on March 26, 2020, and will continue for a period of thirty (30) days unless renewed or withdrawn.

With the situation evolving in neighboring cities and counties, the Commissioners agreed that supporting a unified approach in southwest Missouri is the right thing to do for our community. This Order mirrors those orders issued yesterday by Springfield and Greene County. The intent of the Stay at Home Order is to assure that the maximum number of people are remaining isolated in their places of residence, while enabling essential services to continue. Collectively limiting our opportunities for contact will slow the spread of COVID-19 and reduce the number of new infections.

The requirement to stay at home does not apply to those traveling to work in an essential business or essential government function which must continue to operate. These essential businesses include health care operations, essential infrastructure, including construction, operation of public transportation and utilities, internet and telecommunications systems, first responders, emergency management, grocery stores, food banks, convenience stores, food cultivation including farming, media, gas stations and auto supply facilities, pharmacies, healthcare supply stores and healthcare facilities, auto repair facilities, banks and related financial institutions (drive-thru only), hardware stores, service providers who provide services that are necessary to maintaining the sanitation and essential operation of residences, businesses that provide necessities of life for economically disadvantaged individuals and shelter facilities, businesses that supply other essential businesses with supplies necessary to operate and supply products needed for people to work from home, etc.

Facilities which cannot be reasonably identified as one of the essential facilities listed above are considered non-essential, for the purposes of this Order, and must temporarily suspend all activities. The Commission encourages citizens who must visit essential businesses to practice social distancing by keeping a six (6) foot distance from others.

Presiding Commissioner Ralph Phillips asks the citizens and all of the business owners in Christian County to remember that making the choice to comply with these rules over the next few weeks will shorten the time it takes for all of our lives to return to normal.

A copy of the full Order is available at www.christiancountymo.gov along with additional information and resources regarding Stay at Home.

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