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Several area counties have reported increases in positive COVID-19 cases since the May 26th expiration of statewide mandates on mass gatherings and the imposition of other restrictions. Cherokee County has had seven additional residents diagnosed since that time, including four juveniles who are household members of an adult who also tested positive. Only one of the seven has recovered while Cherokee County Health Department Officials continue to work with those diagnosed, as well as their families and recent contacts. With one of the residents currently hospitalized, the remaining are in home isolation.

“It’s important for everyone to remember, while there are no statewide or countywide restrictions in place, we still have to stay proactive in ensuring our own health as well as doing our part to keep our family, friends and others we come into contact with throughout the day, healthy,” stated Cherokee County Health Department Administrator Betha Elliott.

“Although health experts learn more about this virus every day, they continue to stress the importance of some of the same basic precautions which have been encouraged since the onset of this pandemic. Some of those strong suggestions include:

- Do not go work if you are sick
- Wash your hands frequently and use hand sanitizer
- Disinfect your work area and commonly touched places, such as computers, phones, etc...
- Maintain social distancing
- Wear a mask if going to the store, run errands or are going into other public spaces
- Use good judgement when considering whether or not to attend events with large numbers of people

By not becoming complacent and following these suggestions we can help reduce the spread of disease and do our part to keep our county healthy,” concluded Administrator Elliott.

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