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GRDHD Reports 6 Additional Confirmed COVID-19 Cases

On Tuesday April 7, 2020 the Green River District Health Department (GRDHD) reported 6 additional confirmed COVID-19 cases – 5 in Daviess County and 1 in Henderson County. The total number of cases reported in the district is now 101. “In the days and weeks ahead we expect to see more new cases and an increase in COVID-19 hospitalizations.” said Clay Horton, Public Health Director. “We all play a part in this effort and it is crucial we do everything we can to stop the spread of COVID-19. Stay home, avoid crowds, wash your hands, and practice physical social distancing – staying at least 6 feet away from others. The lab confirmed cases are only a portion of what is in the community.” As of April 7th, 12 people in the district are hospitalized. Seven additional previously confirmed cases are now reported as recovered - 5 in Daviess County and 2 in Henderson County. The total recovered cases in the district are now 33 - 26 in Daviess County, 1 in Hancock County, 5 in Henderson County, and 1 in Union County.

The health department wants to reinforce this guidance with the community:

- Stay home, avoid crowds and social distance
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick (fever, cough, sneeze, and difficulty breathing).
- To avoid close contact, stay at least 6 feet away from others.
- Wear a cloth face cover when you have to go out in public.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.
- Stay home when you are sick.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- To avoid coughing into your hands, you can cough into your elbow.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces using a regular household cleaning spray or wipe.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after going to the bathroom; before eating; and after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing.
- If soap and water are not readily available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol. Always wash hands with soap and water if hands are visibly dirty.

Adults over 60 and people who have severe chronic medical conditions like heart, lung or kidney disease seem to be at higher risk for more serious COVID-19 illness. Those individuals should be extra vigilant and stay home. To help answer the community’s questions about COVID-19, the Kentucky Department for Public health has set up a website with the latest guidance and information for Kentucky residents. The site can be accessed at www.kycovid19.ky.gov. The public can also call the Kentucky COVID-19 hotline at 800-722-5725.

As of 9:00 AM April 7, 2020 total reported cases in Green River District by county are:

Daviess County – 63 cases, 26 recovered, 1 death

Hancock County – 2 cases, 1 recovered

Henderson County – 20 cases, 5 recovered

McLean County – 4 cases, 1 death

Ohio County – 6 cases

Union County – 3 cases, 1 recovered

Webster County – 3 cases

Additional demographic information includes:

Average age: 51

Age range: 18 – 85

Male – 44.6%

Female – 55.4%

GRDHD COVID-19 Cases by Age Group	
Age Range	
1-19	2
20-29	11
30-39	12
40-49	19
50-59	20
60-69	24
70-79	9
80+	4
Total	101