



**NEWS RELEASE #8**

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**No new cases of coronavirus disease (COVID-19) identified in Coffey County**

**Burlington** – Coffey County announces no new positive cases COVID 19 today.

Currently there are 16 cases of coronavirus in Coffey County. There are 24 cases of coronavirus connected with Life Care Center in Burlington. This number includes employees of the facility and residents of Life Care Center. Some employees reside outside Coffey County so they are counted in their home counties.

Social distancing and infection control measures are cornerstones for reducing the spread of COVID 19:

Social Distancing:

- At the individual level this means maintaining at least six-foot social distancing from other individuals.
- At the group level this means canceling mass gatherings where individuals that will be in close contact with each other.

Infection Control Measures:

- Washing hands with soap and water for at least twenty seconds as frequently as possible OR use a 60% alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
- Covering coughs / sneezes into the sleeve / inner elbow and not hands or openly into the space around you.
- Regularly cleaning high-touch surfaces and not shaking hands.

Since the spread of COVID-19 began, Coffey County officials are working daily in collaboration with state and local partners to slow the spread of the COVID-19.

Coffey County residents can stay informed by visiting:

- Coffey Health Department Facebook Page: [www.facebook.com/Coffey-County-Health-Department-246233812996/](https://www.facebook.com/Coffey-County-Health-Department-246233812996/)
- Coffey Health System: [www.coffeyhealth.org/COVID-19](http://www.coffeyhealth.org/COVID-19) or [www.facebook.com/CoffeyHealthSystem/](https://www.facebook.com/CoffeyHealthSystem/)
- KDHE: [www.kdheks.gov/coronavirus](http://www.kdheks.gov/coronavirus)
- CDC: <http://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus>.

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