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Recoveries / New cases of coronavirus disease (COVID-19) identified in Coffey County

Burlington – Coffey County Health Department (CCHD) is announcing two (2) additional cases from the Life Care Center COVID-19 outbreak that have recovered from the COVID-19 virus.

This brings the total recoveries to 13. The recovered residents are listed below:

- Two (2) Coffey County

CCHD determines a person to be recovered from COVID-19 when daily checks meet the following criteria:

- 7 days from the onset of symptoms OR
- 72 hours after fever is gone without the use of fever reducing medication AND there has been a significant improvement in symptoms
- WHICH EVER IS LONGER.

CCHD announces one (1) new case of COVID-19 in Coffey County. This brings the total positive cases to thirty-eight (38) in Coffey County.

The following Coffey County residents are involved:

- 73 yr. old female

CCHD will continue to identify close contacts of the individuals of each positive case. Close contact is defined as being within 6 feet for a prolonged period (10 minutes or longer) or having direct contact with infectious secretions. The health department will actively monitor the close contacts for 14 days for fever, cough, and shortness of breath.

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.

Coffey County residents can stay informed by visiting:

- Coffey Health Department Facebook Page: www.facebook.com/Coffey-County-Health-Department-246233812996/
- Coffey Health System: www.coffeyhealth.org/COVID-19 or www.facebook.com/CoffeyHealthSystem/
- KDHE: www.kdheks.gov/coronavirus or KDHE phone bank at 1-866-534-3463
- CDC: <http://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus>.