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Recoveries / New cases / Deaths related to Coronavirus (COVID-19) in Coffey County

Burlington – Coffey County Health Department (CCHD) is announcing four (4) cases from the Life Care Center COVID-19 outbreak that have recovered from the COVID-19 virus. This brings the total to 13 recoveries, including 6 Life Care Center residents.

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 three (3) new cases of COVID-19 in Coffey County residences today. This brings the total positive cases to forty-one (41) in Coffey County:

The following Coffey County residents are involved:

- 59 yr. old male
- 59 yr. old female
- 17 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.

CCHD announces two (2) additional deaths associated with the Life Care Center outbreak. This brings the total deaths from the outbreak to three (3). There could be a small delay in reporting deaths out of respect for families and the notification process.

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>.