



Press Release

Purchase District Health Department

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Purchase District Health Department Confirms Additional cases of Coronavirus (COVID-19)

The Purchase District Health Department has received notification of the cases listed below:

COUNTY	AGE	SEX
Ballard	39	F
Fulton	17	M
Fulton	85	F
Fulton	91	F
Fulton	67	F
Fulton	88	F
Fulton	58	M
McCracken	64	M
McCracken	79	M
McCracken	76	F
McCracken	50	F
McCracken	18	M
McCracken	54	F
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McCracken	25	F
McCracken	2 months	M
McCracken	51	M
McCracken	5	M
McCracken	2	F
McCracken	20 months	M
McCracken	30	F

Additional details about these individuals cannot be provided because of medical privacy laws.

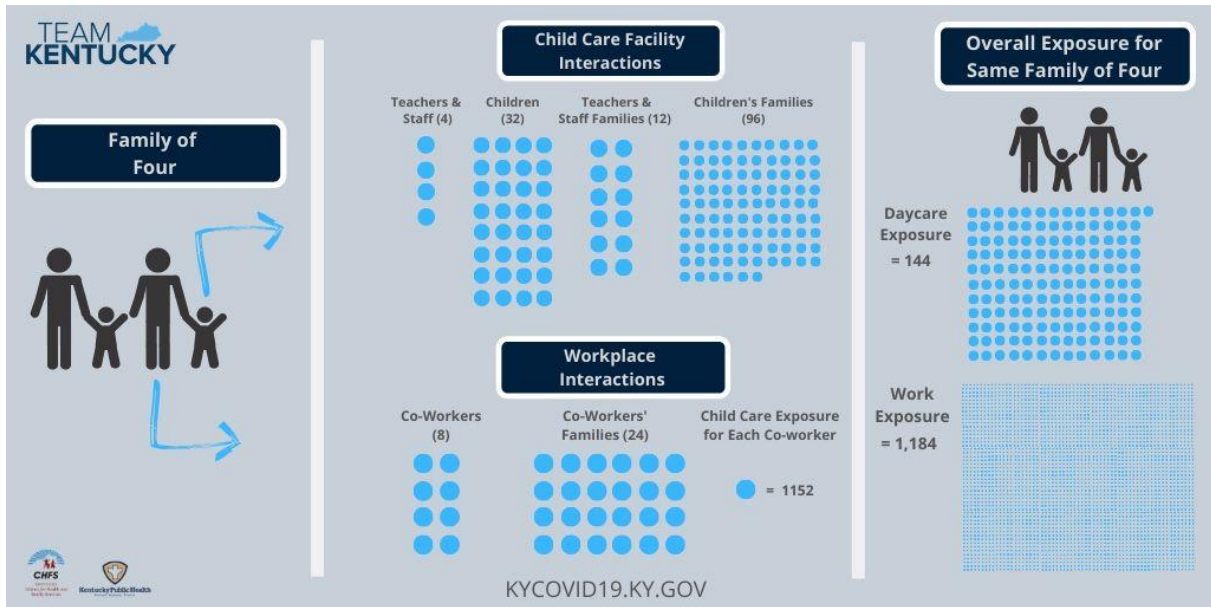
The Purchase District Health Department understands that accurate and up to date COVID-19 data is critical. Both individuals and organizations utilize this data to make the most informed decisions to keep people safer through this pandemic. Data that the Purchase District Health Department publishes in the press release is provisional data that hasn't yet gone through rigorous investigation and is subject to change. Due to this, not every aspect of the data will be precise, and the Purchase District Health Department doesn't expect it to be. Therefore, corrections are written on the press release in order to provide comprehensive and transparent data. The Purchase District Health Department wants the data as accurate as possible. The Purchase District Health Department is constantly working with positive cases, contact tracers, EMS, labs, and testing facilities to ensure that the public receives the most recent data available, even if that includes changes.

	Ballard	Carlisle	Fulton	Hickman	McCracken
TOTAL	78	81	183	94	773
ACTIVE	4	5	31	12	79
HOSPITALIZED	1	0	5	2	7
DECEASED	1	1	4	1	11

While the risk to the general public is low, we are working with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Kentucky Department for Public Health (KDPH) to identify and contact all those who may have been exposed. Close contacts will be asked to quarantine and be monitored for signs and symptoms of COVID-19.

The Purchase District Health Department offers these tips:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water, especially after going to the bathroom; before eating; and after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- 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.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces using a regular household cleaning spray or wipe.



CONTACT TRACING

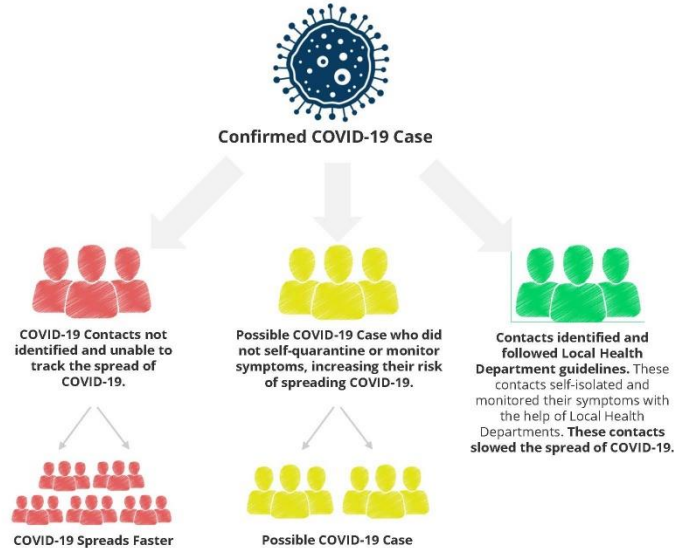
The PDHD performs contact tracing as part of our routine communicable disease investigation process. Contact tracing has been around since the beginning of public health. The use of contact tracing to slow the spread of COVID-19 in our communities is crucial. Contact tracing is essential for our us as the counties resume work and school.

Local public health workers reach out to individuals who have COVID-19 to assess their situation, provide helpful resources, and ask about any recent in-person contacts who may have been exposed to the virus. In-person close contacts are notified that they may have been exposed to COVID-19. Close contacts are offered instructions and connected to local resources. Help stop the spread of COVID-19 and save the lives of Kentuckians by answering and talking to contact tracing public health workers.

To protect patients' confidentiality, contacts will not be told the identity of the person who may have exposed them. They will be told what they need to do to care for themselves, reduce the risk to others, and protect their communities from any further exposure only.

COVID-19 Contact Tracing

Contact Tracing is a public health tool used for years to track the spread of diseases. In Kentucky, Contact Tracing helps contain the spread of COVID-19.



Don't spread this to your community. Wash your hands, wear a mask, social distance, and answer the call. Contact Tracing is key to safely keeping our economy open and our communities safe.



This virus can be spread by respiratory droplets. Symptoms of COVID-19 may include fever, cough, loss of taste, or shortness of breath. Individuals who are experiencing symptoms should first contact their primary care medical provider.

If you are worried or concerned, but otherwise healthy, please see kycovid19.ky.gov for additional information or call the Ky Covid-19 hotline at 1-800-722-5725. Call your medical provider if you develop signs or symptoms of COVID-19. Call the Purchase District Health Department at 270-444-9631 or visit our website www.purchasehealth.org for more information.