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"Where Your Health Is Our Department"

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From- Noel Coplen, Public Health Director

GRAVES COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THE 19th, 20th AND 21st CASE OF COVID-19 IN GRAVES COUNTY

Graves County – The Graves County Health Department today announced the 19th, 20th and 21st confirmed case of coronavirus disease (COVID-19) in Graves County.

- A Graves County resident in her 40's tested positive for COVID-19. She is in isolation at home.
- A Graves County resident in her 20's tested positive for COVID-19. She is in isolation at the home.
- A Graves County resident in her 60's tested positive for COVID-19. She is in isolation in the hospital.

"As these cases become more prevalent in our community, we are able to see the impact of interacting with others." said Kathy Gifford, Nurse Supervisor for the local health department.

"Determination and self-discipline are two characteristics of people who do a good job of social-distancing. In order to break the chain, we all must be strong in our determination of being the key to slowing down this very contagious disease. I saw that determination and self-discipline in so many people during the ice storm so I know we can weather this too!" commented Noel Coplen, Director of the local health department.

We must make social distancing a priority for the sake of our entire community.

What The Local Health Department is Doing:

To help limit the spread of COVID-19, social distancing steps have been taken by our community. The contacts of the confirmed positives individuals are under quarantine for the protection of the public.

What The Public Can Do:

- **STAY CALM:** You are not alone in this. Your community is here to support you. Talk to your friends and family and let them know if you are having concerns.
- **STAY APART:** Keep at least 6 feet away from others including while shopping for life-sustaining essentials. Avoid the lines by taking advantage of pick-up or delivery services for groceries and other goods.
- **STAY PUT:** Keep non-essential trips to a minimum and cancel your travel plans. Unless it is essential you go out, stay home.

Be mindful of those who are at greater risk for contracting this virus, including older adults and those with underlying health conditions. Those more at risk should ask others to help with their life sustaining activities, i.e. food, medications or other necessities.

Call your healthcare provider:

If you experience fever, cough, and shortness of breath (flu like symptoms), stay home and call your healthcare provider before going to a healthcare facility. Inform them of your symptoms.

For more information:

Go to KY COVID-19 website.

- [Kycovid19.ky.gov](https://kycovid19.ky.gov)

For general questions about COVID-19, call the KY COVID-19 hotline at 1-800-722-2725 or the Graves County Health Department at 270-247-3553