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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 two additional confirmed case of coronavirus (COVID-19) in McCracken County. The first individual in McCracken is a 72-year-old male. The second individual in McCracken is a 28-year-old male. Both individuals have been notified that they tested positive for COVID-19. McCracken County now has 87 individuals that have tested positive for COVID-19, Ballard has 9, Carlisle has 3, Hickman has 5, and Fulton has 2. There have been 61 recoveries and 2 deaths in McCracken, 7 recoveries in Ballard, 1 recovery and 1 death in Carlisle, and 1 recovery in Hickman. Additional details about these individuals cannot be provided because of medical privacy laws. 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.

“We believe the risk to the general public is slowly increasing as this situation evolves, and we will continue to communicate with the CDC, KDPH, and the people of McCracken County,” said Kent Koster, Public Health Director of the Purchase District Health Department. “The best way to prevent illness is to avoid being exposed to this virus through social distancing. However, there are simple preventative actions you can do to help prevent the spread of this virus.”

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.

This virus can be spread by respiratory droplets. Symptoms of COVID-19 may include fever, cough 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](https://www.ky.gov/covid19) 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](https://www.purchasehealth.org) for more information.