



Monroe County Health Department Press Release

Phone: 270-487-6782

**Topic: COVID-19 UPDATES AND GUIDANCE FOR COMMUNITY
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

6/21/20

The Monroe County Health Department is investigating one additional confirmed case of COVID-19 in Monroe County. Since the beginning of the pandemic, Monroe County has had a total of 34 confirmed cases and 26 of those cases have recovered. Seven of the confirmed cases are recovering either at home or in the hospital and there has been one death of a Monroe County citizen who was being followed as a confirmed case. We stand in solidarity with our entire community as we continue to navigate through these trying and unprecedented times.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) continues to study the spread and effects of the novel coronavirus across the United States. According to the CDC, a significant portion of individuals with coronavirus lack symptoms (“asymptomatic”) and that even those who eventually develop symptoms (“pre-symptomatic”) can transmit the virus to others before showing symptoms. This means that the virus can spread between people interacting in close proximity—for example, speaking, coughing, or sneezing—even if those people are not exhibiting symptoms. In light of this evidence, CDC continues to recommend wearing cloth face coverings in public settings where other social distancing measures are difficult to maintain. It is critical to emphasize that maintaining 6-foot social distancing remains important to slowing the spread of the virus.

Visit <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/cloth-face-cover.html> to learn more about CDC’s recommendations regarding the use of cloth face coverings. It is important that we remain diligent in practicing physical distancing, wearing cloth face masks when out in public, and frequently washing our hands. These simple but effective steps will help protect our loved ones and our community.

Kentuckians should visit the Healthy at Work website to learn more about how the Commonwealth’s citizens can safely return to work while still protecting the most vulnerable. <https://govstatus.egov.com/ky-healthy-at-work>

If you see individuals or businesses not complying with COVID-19 guidelines, report to the KYSAFER hotline at 1-833-KYSAFER (1-833-597-2337). Or report online at <https://secure.kentucky.gov/formservices/Labor/KYSAFER>. For up-to-date information, visit [KYCOVID19.ky.gov](https://kyCOVID19.ky.gov). Kentuckians can also call the COVID-19 hotline at 1-800-722-5725.