



Monroe County Health Department Press Release

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**Topic: COVID-19 UPDATES AND GUIDANCE FOR COMMUNITY
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The Monroe County Health Department is investigating one additional confirmed case of COVID-19. Since the beginning of the pandemic, Monroe County has had a total of 65 confirmed cases and 48 of those cases have recovered. There have been two deaths reported from COVID-19. We stand in solidarity with those affected during these difficult times.

As the pandemic continues to evolve, disease control efforts must be constantly refined. While there is no way to ensure zero risk of infection, it is important to understand potential risks and how to adopt different types of prevention measures to protect yourself and to help reduce the spread of COVID-19. If you decide to engage in public activities, keep these items on hand when venturing out: a cloth face covering, tissues, and a hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol, if possible. In general, the more closely you interact with others and the longer that interaction, the higher the risk of COVID-19 spread. It is important that we remain diligent in practicing physical distancing, wearing cloth face coverings when out in public, and frequently washing our hands. These simple but effective steps will help protect our loved ones and our community.

As a reminder, if you have COVID-19, have symptoms consistent with COVID-19, or have been in close contact with someone who has COVID-19, it is important to stay home and away from other people. When you can leave home and be around others depends on different factors for different situations. Follow advice given by your local health department, or the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's recommendations at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/if-you-are-sick/quarantine-isolation.html>.

To view Kentucky's new Executive Order in regards to face coverings, visit https://governor.ky.gov/attachments/20200709_Executive-Order_State-of-Emergency.pdf

To report non-compliance with the face covering requirement, you may call 833-KYSAFER (833-597-2337).