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286 Cases of COVID-19 in Northern Kentucky; 3 New COVID-19 Related Deaths

FLORENCE, Ky. — As of 4:30 p.m. Monday, April 20, 7 additional cases of COVID-19 have been identified in Northern Kentucky, for 286 total cases. There are 140 cases in Kenton County, 55 cases in Campbell County, 77 cases in Boone County and 14 cases in Grant County. This includes three new COVID-19 related deaths. The individuals were a Grant County resident in their 50s, and two Kenton County residents, in their 70s and 90s. Our thoughts go out to their loved ones during this difficult time. There have been 23 total deaths related to COVID-19. For more data on COVID-19 infections in Northern Kentucky, please visit <https://nkyhealth.org/individual-or-family/health-alerts/coronavirus/>

One of the benchmarks for reopening outlined by the Governor's office is a decline in COVID-19 cases for a 14-day period. With the current number of cases reported daily, it will likely be some time before we reach that milestone. According to Dr. Lynne Saddler, District Director of Health, "In accordance with the Governor's plan, it is important that reopening take place carefully, and that we recognize the initial phases will likely look very different than things did before the COVID-19 pandemic. Reopening in phases can help to either prevent a second spike in cases, or keep the spike low if people and businesses continue to take appropriate precautions. It will not be business as usual like before COVID-19."

If you develop a fever, cough or difficulty breathing, stay home and call your health care provider. Even without testing, a health care provider can tell a patient if they think they have COVID-19, and provide the same instructions for care. If you have mild symptoms, you must stay home, take fever-reducing medications and avoid others. Additionally, it is important that you inform those with whom you have had close contact that they have been exposed to COVID-19, should monitor for symptoms, and stay at home. Learn how to prevent the spread of the virus in your home at <https://bit.ly/3dBMfCO>. If you are experiencing a medical emergency, call 9-1-1.

NKY Health has been actively responding to the COVID-19 crisis for months. We continue to provide guidance and collaborate with local officials, health care providers, first responders, schools, businesses, social service agencies, and others, as well as respond to a high volume of questions from the public. We are also coordinating the distribution of personal protective equipment from the Strategic National Stockpile to health care providers and first responders. If you have personal protective equipment to donate, please visit <https://secure.kentucky.gov/formservices/TeamKentucky/PPE>.

NKY Health continues to work with other response agencies and Northern Kentucky residents to take the actions necessary to prevent the spread of COVID-19 in our community. For more information, visit our COVID-19 page on www.nkyhealth.org or www.kycovid19.ky.gov. You can also call Kentucky's COVID-19 hotline at 1-800-722-5725. To report observations of non-compliance with the restrictions on workplaces and public gathering, call 1-833-KYSAFER. The Governor's press releases are available here: <https://governor.ky.gov/news>

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