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DISTRICT COVID-19 UPDATES

The Barren River District Health Department has confirmed 84 cases of COVID-19 in the Barren River District, 21 of which have recovered. Barren County has five, Butler County has 11, Edmonson County has six, Hart has one, Logan County has four, Simpson County has 15, and Warren County has 42. Our district has two deaths reported from COVID-19. We stand in solidarity with those affected during these difficult times.

In order to slow the spread of COVID-19, we must continue to follow recommendations provided by the CDC, the state, and Governor Andy Beshear. Practicing social distancing is the most important method for staying healthy. We urge Barren River residents to stay at home, and leave only for essential items such as groceries and medications. When possible, choose online ordering, delivery, and curbside pickup services to obtain these items. With the Easter holiday approaching this weekend, Governor Beshear warned that progress could quickly be undone if we fail to continue following social distancing guidelines. With travel bans and large gathering restrictions (including religious services) in place, it is our duty to do the right thing to slow the spread of COVID-19 in our communities. We ask Barren River residents to celebrate from home, participate in Facebook Live worship events, and take alternative measures for holiday traditions to slow the spread of the virus and preserve the health of our communities.

Here are 10 steps to fight COVID-19 from Governor Andy Beshear:

- Stay healthy at home. Leave only for essential items such as groceries once a week.
- Avoid crowds and gatherings. Avoid crowds of any size, including home visits, recreational areas, or crowded shopping locations.
- Practice social distancing. Maintain six feet between yourself and others at all times.
- Know when to seek care. Follow the "When to Seek Care" guidelines available at https://govstatus.egov.com/kycovid19
- Stay up-to-date through reliable resources such as KYCOVID19.KY.GOV and barrenriverhealth.org.
- Wash hands and surfaces frequently. Use warm water and soap and wash hands for at least 20 seconds. Disinfect regularly used surfaces multiple times a day.
- Apply for benefits. Kentucky has expanded unemployment benefits. If you have not applied, visit KCC.KY.GOV.
- Prioritize mental health. Seek out virtual social opportunities and maintain a daily routine.
- Only travel for essential items. Avoid carpooling and public transit. The safest place for you and others is at home.
- Report non-compliance. If you see individuals or businesses not complying with COVID-19 guidelines, report to the KYSAFER hotline at 1-833-597-2337 or online at https://secure.kentucky.gov/formservices/Labor/KYSAFER.



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For questions about COVID-19, call Kentucky's COVID-19 Hotline at (800) 722-5725, BRDHD's COVID-19 Information Line at 270-781-8039, visit www.barrenriverhealth.org/covid-19-information, or https://govstatus.egov.com/kycovid19.

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