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Press Release

At press time, there is a total of 160 cases of COVID-19 in the Lincoln Trail District. Additional cases were confirmed in Hardin, Meade, and Nelson Counties. The total number of cases per county is as follows: Hardin--78, LaRue--6, Marion--17, Meade--20, Nelson--34, and Washington--5. Currently, 151 cases are on home isolation or have been released from monitoring. County-level information can be found on the “COVID-19 Latest Updates” tab at ltdhd.org.

Assuring critical services has always been a role of the local health department. The services offered have varied over the years depending on health risks identified in our communities. In response to COVID-19, public health has used its expertise in the areas of disease containment and mitigation. One way this has been demonstrated is in the activation of the Strategic National Stockpile (SNS).

Lincoln Trail District Health Department (LTDHD) works with federal and state government officials to distribute SNS assets. These assets supplement state and local inventories of medical supplies during emergencies that are severe enough to drain local resources. Supplies vary from vaccines, medications, or in the case of COVID-19, personal protective equipment (PPE). Kentucky receives these supplies at an undisclosed location for distribution to the Regional Distribution Sites (RDS). LTDHD assumes responsibility for the SNS supplies once they arrive at the local site, unpacks them, and collaborates with local emergency managers for distribution. Since late March, LTDHD has dispensed countless face masks, hand sanitizers, gowns, lab coats, intubation shields, and gloves to support the medical infrastructure within our communities.

LTDHD has transitioned from pushing out federal and state shipments of PPE upon delivery to managing one of several state warehouses which can receive and store assets for the Lincoln Trail Area Development District (LTADD) service area. Our Preparedness Coordinator has assured that all facilities in Breckinridge, Grayson, Hardin, LaRue, Marion, Meade, Nelson, and Washington Counties are receiving needed supplies to respond to COVID-19.

The type of supplies has changed to meet the need of our counties as we transition into Healthy at Work. A recent shipment of supplies brought cloth face masks. The Commonwealth of Kentucky has prioritized this initial delivery for those who work in food production and distribution. Beginning May 19, LTDHD Environmental staff will start delivering cloth masks to local businesses during routine food inspections.