Press Release

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At press time, there is a total of 133 cases of COVID-19 in the Lincoln Trail District. Unfortunately, we must report an additional patient death in Meade County. The total number of cases per county is as follows: Hardin--58, LaRue--6, Marion--17, Meade--17, Nelson--30, and Washington--5. Currently, 120 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.

Healthy at Work is being rolled out gradually to ensure that we can all return safely to work. So now it is up to us to do our part to protect each other, especially our most vulnerable. As we prepare to reopen portions of the economy, there is a lot of conversation about the need to wear masks in public. In addition to physical distancing, masks are a simple and effective way to slow the spread of the virus. Studies have shown between 50-80% of patients who tested positive for COVID-19 had mild or no symptoms. Health officials have suggested wearing masks to guard against the droplets that spray out when an asymptomatic patient infected with COVID-19 coughs or sneezes.

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There have been about 25,000 new cases of the virus identified in the United States each day. Epidemiologists estimate that roughly ten times as many people have been infected with COVID-19 than have been detected through testing. Without a protective vaccine, 70% of the population would need to be immune to the virus (herd immunity) to entirely lift physical distancing and other public health measures to slow the spread of the disease. For this reason, workers in essential businesses and businesses that will soon reopen as well as their patrons, will need to wear masks for the foreseeable future.