Lincoln Trail District Health Department (LTDHD) has received confirmation of its first positive COVID-19 case in Marion County. This additional report brings the total number of cases in the Lincoln Trail District to eleven with the remaining five in Hardin County, three in Nelson, and one in both LaRue and Washington Counties.

There is no doubt that COVID-19 is in each one of our counties and is spreading. During our investigations, LTDHD has been unable to identify commonalities among the documented cases -they share no known connection that links them to one another. This indicates to public health professionals that we do in fact have community spread. We must have the mindset that every person you meet has COVID-19.

The virus is being spread from person-to-person or from surfaces to people. We are at risk of being exposed to COVID-19 every time we go outside our homes. The virus may be on commonly touched items such as shopping carts, gas pumps, doorknobs, or other shared contact surfaces. It is very important to wash your hands often if you must be out in public for necessary services. If you are unable to wash your hands with soap and water, use hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol content. Sanitize any surface that you may have touched (your car steering wheel for example) after being in public areas and before you return to your home.

We would like to publicly thank all the businesses that are finding creative ways to serve customers while enforcing social distancing. However, there are some businesses who are not taking the Governor’s orders seriously and therefore putting their patrons at risk. Even if events are held outside, social distancing must still be practiced for the health of everyone involved. If you observe a business that is not complying with the Governor’s mandates, please report them using LTDHD’s Environmental Enforcement Line at 270-982-7140 or the state compliance line at 1-833-597-2337. Locally, you can take action by not obtaining goods or services from businesses or agencies that may be putting your health at risk. At this difficult time, we cannot place profits over people’s health.

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