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Press Release

At press time, there is a total of 50 cases of COVID-19 in the Lincoln Trail District. Additional cases were confirmed in Hardin and Nelson Counties. The total number of cases per county is as follows: Hardin—23, LaRue—2, Marion—10, Meade—2, Nelson—10, and Washington—3. Currently, 41 cases are on home isolation or have been released from monitoring.

On April 1st, Governor Beshear announced that a church event held in Hopkins County was linked to over 54 cases, hundreds of contacts, and six deaths. This sobering event should serve as a stark reminder of our need to remain diligent as we head into Easter weekend. Many people will be required to re-think their usual traditions for this treasured holiday. No in-person church services should be conducted regardless of size, indoors or outdoors. Although technically allowed by the Governor, LTDHD advises against drive-in style church services. If churches choose to host drive-in services, they must adhere to the following rules:

- Cars must be spaced at least 6 feet apart (10 feet is recommended)
- Only immediate family members are allowed in the car
- No one may get out of the car for any reason
- NOTHING may be passed from car-to-car—communion, donation plates, Easter eggs, etc.

Now is the time to remain diligent in physically distancing from others and continuing to practice the advice given by public health officials. If we fail to do this, the effect will be devastating on our counties. Look at the graphic below. Three months of poor adherence to physical distancing could result in 6 times more cases per county. The more you are at home, the more lives you are saving. Remember, the only essential worker this Easter is the Easter Bunny.