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Press Release

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There is a total of 54 cases of COVID-19 in the Lincoln Trail District. Additional cases in Hardin and Nelson Counties were confirmed today. At press time, the total number of cases per county is as follows: Hardin--24, LaRue--2, Marion--10, Meade--2, Nelson--13, and Washington--3.

The reality is that Easter will be different this year. The holiday tradition of family gatherings full of children searching for colorful eggs has been curtailed due to COVID-19. Yet, there may be ways to maintain those traditions while still complying with public health guidance.

- **Church Services** – Easter Sunday is usually a very busy day for most churches. In response to COVID-19, many churches are now offering web-based or televised services that family can enjoy within the privacy of their own homes.

- **Brunch/Lunch** – It is common on Easter for families to gather at a local restaurant or in a relative’s home to share a meal. This year opt for meal delivery from your favorite restaurant or even try a non-traditional meal choice other than ham or turkey. Many families are also using virtual media to bring members together for a meal.

- **Relatives 65 and older** – Gathering with older relatives and enjoying their cooking and stories makes Easter that much more enjoyable. However, it is those who are 65 and older who are most vulnerable. This year reach out by phone or through use of technology such as FaceTime or Skype. You can also wave from your car or say hello through the window outside your loved one’s home—it is imperative that young adults and children maintain their distance, however. Even though young people typically have few or no symptoms, they can still be carriers of the virus.

- **Easter Egg Hunts** – Eggs can still be hidden inside or outside your home, but the hunt must be limited to those that live in your household. It is too risky to invite neighborhood children or extended family to join.

Let your creativity run wild as you re-think the ways in which you and your family can celebrate Easter. The important thing is to remember why we celebrate in the first place. Incorporating the recommended preventive measures will keep your loved ones safe during the COVID-19 pandemic.