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Press Release

At press time, there is a total of 85 cases of COVID-19 in the Lincoln Trail District. Additional cases were confirmed in Hardin, Marion, Meade, and Nelson Counties. The total number of cases per county is as follows: Hardin--34, LaRue--5, Marion--14, Meade--8, Nelson--19, and Washington--5. Currently, 79 cases are on home isolation or have been released from monitoring.

On April 21st, Governor Beshear provided the first indication that Kentucky could begin to consider a safe reopening of the economy through the Healthy at Work initiative. This initiative aims to give workers and employers tools to restart business safely when the time is right. Healthy at Work provides a phased and gradual approach. Phase 1 is an evaluation of Kentucky’s readiness to reopen. This will be based on seven benchmarks that include a fourteen consecutive day decline in new cases and rates, availability of personal protective equipment, and the ability to physical distance at large gatherings.

Phase 2 begins once all seven benchmarks have been met. During Phase 2, the Department for Public Health will evaluate individual businesses’ ability to safely reopen. Utilizing a gradual approach allows health professionals to monitor for any connections between spikes in COVID-19 cases and the removal of restrictions. This ensures that Kentuckians can safely return to work while protecting those who are at highest risk.

Governor Beshear stated that businesses closed due to COVID-19 may begin submitting proposals to reopen via the online application at https://secure.kentucky.gov/formservices/TeamKentucky/ReopenKY. If businesses have additional questions, they can email them to HealthyAtWork@ky.gov. Businesses are also encouraged to visit https://govstatus.egov.com/ky-healthy-at-work for more information.