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## **Infectious Disease Communications Advisory – March 12, 2020**

The City of Pikeville is monitoring the COVID-19 situation closely. In light of the eight cases currently in Kentucky and others across the nation, we are following enhanced sanitizing and health standard protocols for city property, services and events to help prevent the spread of flu and other viruses. There are no local cases currently and all city services are operating as normal.

We are closely monitoring the situation as it unfolds and are following CDC guidelines to ensure our city is prepared. At this time, we are meeting to discuss next steps for city-wide events and how to address city services should this outbreak worsen.

Here's what we have done to provide a safer environment and help prevent transmissions in all city buildings and property:

- Expanded signage about handwashing and preventing the spread of germs.
- Hand sanitizer dispensers at the entrance and throughout city buildings.
- Staff are continuing to sanitize all surfaces multiple times a day as recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Additionally, we ask that residents and visitors follow these preventive measures to help minimize the spread of germs in our community:

- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water, for at least 20 seconds (especially after going to the bathroom), before eating, after blowing your nose, coughing or sneezing.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth and stay home when you are sick.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces using a household cleaning spray or wipe.
- Older adults and people who have severe underlying chronic medical conditions like heart or lung disease or diabetes seem to be at higher risk for developing more serious complications from COVID-19 illness. Please consult with your health care provider about additional steps you may be able to take to protect yourself.

If you have recently traveled to an area that is known to have experienced an outbreak of Coronavirus, please watch closely for symptoms which may include: fever, cough and shortness of breath.

As we have new information, we will update you in real time. Please be sure you are following along local government, state government, and CDC websites and social media for updates on this matter. Thank you for committing to maintain the health and safety of our community.