

## **NEWS RELEASE**

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Alexandria, KY — March 13, 2020 - Campbell County has filed a local disaster emergency declaration with the State of Kentucky in response to the arrival of COVID-19 in Kentucky. The declaration will be in effect until rescinded and is in concert with declarations made by Boone, Kenton, and Grant Counties, which comprise the Northern Kentucky Health District.

The declaration is an administrative tool that can help facilitate access to funding and other resources, as well as centralize coordination of the county response. Campbell County officials say it was important to file the declaration now because some resources are made available based on the declaration date. State of Emergency Declarations are a typical response to COVID-19, and municipalities across the country are using them to ensure appropriate resources are available for response and recovery.

"While there will likely be cases of COVID-19 in Campbell County, the declaration does not mean we think our community is less safe than anywhere else impacted by the virus," said William R. Turner the Director of the Office of Emergency Management. "This is just one more tool to aid in our response."

Citizens are encouraged to visit the Northern Kentucky Health Department website for more information at <a href="nkyhealth.org">nkyhealth.org</a>. Additional resources are available by calling the KentuckyCOVID-19 Hotline at 1 (800) 722-5725 and visiting the following websites: <a href="kycovid19.ky.gov">kycovid19.ky.gov</a> and cdc.gov/coronavirus.

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