The Franklin County Health Department will continue to thoroughly investigate each positive case and identify close contacts. A close contact is someone you have been within 6ft. of for a prolonged period of time (over ten minutes) or someone you have had direct contact with. The public can help prevent the spread by:

- Wear a mask when in public.
- Practicing social distancing – maintaining at least 6ft. of distance between individuals who do not reside in the same household.
- Thorough hand washing – with soap and water for at least 20 seconds OR using a 60% alcohol-based hand sanitizer when soap and water is not available.
- Regularly cleaning and disinfecting high touch surfaces – be sure to know the “kill time” listed on the disinfectant to ensure you are allowing it to do its job.