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### **For Immediate Release**

## ***HCHD encourages public to continue decrease the spread of COVID-19***

Clarksburg, WV (April 30, 2020, 2PM)

	United States	West Virginia	Harrison County
Confirmed cases	1,046,022	1,118	30
Total Deaths	66,218	41	1

The Harrison-Clarksburg Health Department is working diligently to help and encourage the residents of Harrison County to stay as healthy and safe as possible with the reopening of some of our businesses and other public places. We are still encouraged to social distance by keeping a distance of 6 foot or greater, by wearing a facemask while in public, <https://dhhr.wv.gov/COVID-19/Documents/COVID-19-Guidance-on-Cloth-Face-Covering.pdf> , not touching your face, and good hand hygiene (washing your hands for at least 20 seconds with soap and water or using hand sanitizer). Posters are available for printing at <https://www.cdc.gov/handwashing/posters.html#posters-general-public> and should be posted in restrooms.

On April 27, 2020, Gov. Justice issued guidance for the slow re-opening of business and other public places, <https://governor.wv.gov/Pages/The-Comeback.aspx> . In this guidance the Governor does recognize churches and funerals as essential services and they can remain open. The recommendation is seating in every other pew or row, physical distancing (at least 6 feet) and face coverings.

On April 24, 2020, Governor Jim Justice announced that all childcare staff must be tested for COVID-19 as facilities begin to reopen. <https://dhhr.wv.gov/COVID-19/Documents/Child-Care-Testing-and-Guidance-Packet-4-30-2020.pdf> . Childcare facility operators may check the state's COVID-19 website to identify testing locations available in their community: <https://public.tableau.com/profile/andrea.calkins#!/vizhome/WVCOVID-19TestingSites/COVID-19ScreeningLocations>

COVID-19 testing is covered by an individual's medical insurance or if the individual is uninsured, then the provider's office, clinic or lab can bill WV Medicaid (WV Medicaid covers COVID-19 testing and treatment for all uninsured residents: WV Bureau for Medical Services Testing and Treatment/Insured and Uninsured). There is no charge or co-pay for uninsured individuals for COVID-19 testing per federal law.