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### Media Advisory

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### Wood County Adds Three New Cases

**Parkersburg, WV May 4, 2020** – The Mid-Ohio Valley Health Department (MOVHD) reports that Wood county added three new positive COVID-19 cases to bring the total positive cases for the county to 43. Cases remain the same in the other five counties of the Mid-Ohio Valley region. Roane county has 7 positive cases, Wirt county has 3, Pleasants county with 2, and Ritchie county has 1. Calhoun remains without a confirmed case of COVID-19.

With the Governor's WV Strong...the Comeback, WV entering week two of reopening the state while still encouraging individuals to be *Safer at Home*. Protocols have been set for the following businesses to re-open:

- [Small businesses with 10 or fewer employees](#)
- [Restaurants with takeaway service or outdoor dining](#)
- [Religious entities and funeral homes](#)
- [Barbershops, hair salons, nail salons, pet grooming and other professional services regulated by the West Virginia State Board of Barbers and Cosmetologists \(via WVBBC.com\)](#)

To read the guidance for each, click on: <https://governor.wv.gov/Pages/The-Comeback.aspx>

In addition, State Health Officer Dr. Cathy Slemp and Governor Justice announced on the press conference today that Wood County is being removed from the hotspot list. The status still recommends being *Safer at Home*. Businesses must continue to adhere to the requirements of Rule 64CSR114. Full document at: <http://www.movhd.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/64CSR-114.docx>. For outside gatherings, during the designation of a hotspot, crowds were limited to five only. Now groups outdoors can have 25 people but will still need to social distance and wear face masks/coverings.

We all are anxious for this re-opening to continue and it is only by all using physical distancing and wearing a mask will it continue.

**PLEASE PROTECT YOURSELF AND OTHERS -> STAY SAFE and KEEP OTHERS SAFE.**