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Estill had 18 corona virus cases in July Five new cases have already been reported in August for a total of 27

Eighteen new cases of the corona virus were reported in Estill County during July.

This is after Estill County went nearly three months before getting its first case after the virus was first reported in Kentucky in early March and being the next to last county in Kentucky to have a positive case.

Our first case was diagnosed on May 30. Three more local residents tested positive for the corona virus on June 10

and 11.

Those first four cases are now listed by the Estill County Health Department as having been recovered. The last one was reportedly recovered as of July 7.

It was over a month before more cases of corona virus were diagnosed in July. On July 13, four new cases were announced. Then on July 15, 16, and 20, one new case was announced each day. Three new cases were each announced on July 29 and 31.

Five new cases have already been confirmed for August.

There were no additional cases reported on Tuesday.

A total of 1,254 Estill Countians have been tested. Negative tests were the result of 1,198 of those tested, and 29 tests are pending.

Eighteen positive cases continued to be quarantined on Tuesday.

Candie McMaine, interim director at the Estill County Health Department,

said she was not aware if any of the corona virus patients have been hospitalized.

Estill County is like other communities where cases of the corona virus is increasing.

The health department tries to track down where each victim has contacted the virus.

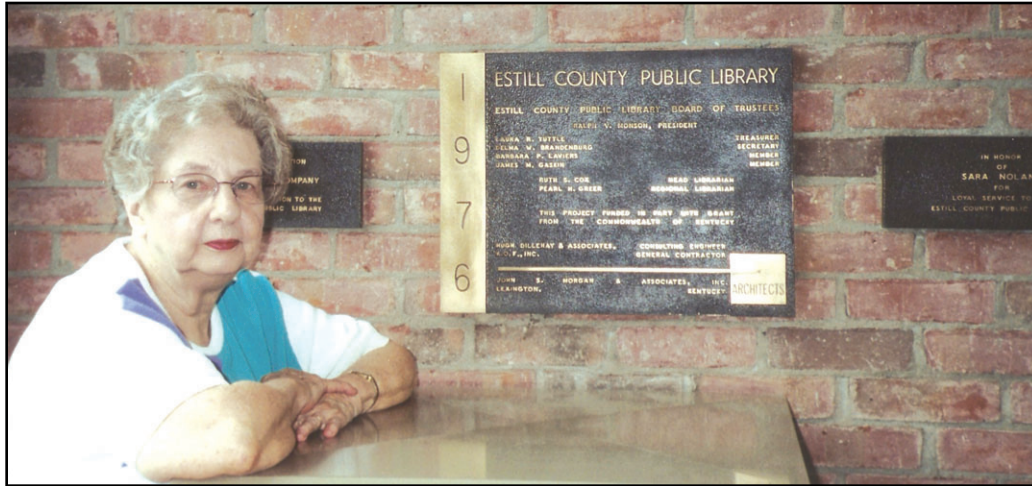
"It looks like community transmission," McMaine stated.

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Retired librarian to celebrate 100 years



Retired Estill County High School librarian Sara Noland participated in the ground-breaking of the new Estill County Library on Broadway in November of 2018. She volunteered her services for 20 years to get a public library started in Estill County. Also pictured at right is Anne Miller, a retired high school teacher and member of the library board.



Sara Noland posed for a photo at the Estill County Public Library on Main Street. At the right photo is a plaque in her honor for her work in getting a public library. Prior to this library building, the library was once in a room at the Estill County Courthouse and later a store front on Main Street.



Sara Noland in a portrait made in 2008, about 17 years after she retired as high school librarian.

A long-term Estill County High School librarian will be celebrating her 100th birthday on Monday, August 17.

Because of Covid-19, the family of Sara Noland will not be having a birthday party for her as they would like.

There will be a car parade to honor her. Those who participate are asked to meet in the parking lot of the new Estill County Public Library at 7 p.m. on Sunday, August 16.

Cars can be decorated with posters, balloons, and streamers.

All who attend the car parade are encouraged to bring a non-perishable food item for the Estill County Food Bank. Mrs.

Noland's oldest daughter, Susan Dick, helps to run the food bank.

Sara Noland grew up and was educated in Woodford County, Kentucky. She started working in the high school library during her junior year. The next year she began substituting at the Woodford County Library.

She went on to the University of Kentucky where she obtained an AB degree in library science. She was in the last class to obtain an AB degree. The AB degree is equivalent to a BA or Bachelor of Arts degree. AB is Latin for "artium baccalaureus."

Her first job after college graduation was at

Estill County High School during 1941-43, which only had 125 students and a very young staff. Her pay was \$90 a month.

She worked as a reference assistant at the University of Kentucky during the summer of 1943.

Mrs. Noland married her husband, Cecil, during World War II. They traveled over the United States where she worked at libraries in Germantown, Ohio, San Antonio and Fresno.

In 1946, the Nolands returned to Irvine. She worked as librarian at Irvine High School from January through September of 1946. She then worked at Eastern Kentucky for nearly two years

as a reference and circulation assistant.

In November 1949, she was rehired as librarian of Estill County High School for an annual salary of \$2,618. Her husband, Cecil, was also employed by the Estill County School System.

While working as the high school librarian, Mrs. Noland was instrumental in getting the Estill County Public Library started. Mrs. Noland was listed as the public librarian until 1967 where she volunteered for over 20 years.

In 1967 Estill County was selected as a demonstration library. A tax was passed to support the library.

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The Estill County Tribune wishes to thank Amy Noland-Hughes for sharing the biography and photos of her mother.

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Almost half of counties still lack syringe exchanges, including 20 of those most vulnerable to drug-related disease outbreaks

by Melissa Patrick
Kentucky Health News

Most Kentucky counties now have harm-reduction programs to fight drug abuse, but the coronavirus pandemic has slowed their expansion and complicated the work of their syringe exchanges.

Still, they've all continued to offer some level of service during the pandemic. Sixty-three counties have harm-reduction programs, and one more is in the works, but that will still leave 56 of the 120 counties without one.

Tony Cox, director of the Bracken County Health Department, which has the newest program, encouraged those counties to be open-minded.

"Communities are hesitant, and we do understand their concerns, but I would encourage any and all communities to educate themselves, along with their policymakers and even the citizens in the community, to find out exactly what a harm reduction/syringe exchange program is really all about," he said. "It is about getting dirty needles off the street and off

of our playgrounds and off of the places we go, certainly that's a huge part of it. But it is also a program that is about helping the people in our community as well that need help because they are addicted to drugs. Be open minded and get educated."

Such programs have been able to stay open through the pandemic because the Department of Public Health designated them an essential service.

"To ensure public safety, programs adopted strategies including face coverings, moving to outside stations, creating

distance in their spaces, some appointment-only programs, limiting hours/days and decreasing number of infectious-disease testing times," the department said in an e-mail.

Harm-reduction programs are designed to prevent outbreaks of HIV and hepatitis C, which are commonly spread by the needle sharing among intravenous drug users. They also provide health screenings and vaccines, and connect drug users to treatment.

They were approved in Kentucky under a 2015 law that requires approv-

al by the county health board, the fiscal court and the city where the exchange is to be located.

Kentucky has 74 operational syringe exchange locations in 63 of its 120 counties.

Since mid-July 2019, when Kentucky Health News did its last syringe exchange roundup, five more counties have been marked on the state Cabinet for Health and Family Services map of exchanges and the counties deemed most vulnerable to HIV and hepatitis C outbreaks.

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