

12/2 EDITION

Welcome to the December 2 edition of the Warren RECC COVID-19 newsletter. Governor Beshear announced this week that the first doses of the COVID-19 vaccine will arrive in Kentucky in mid-December. Those doses will be distributed to long-term care residents and staff and front-line healthcare workers. More widespread distribution is expected in the spring of 2021.

STATUS UPDATE

As of December 2, we are operating at a **LEVEL 2** response. For you that means:

- Warren RECC lobbies and drive-thrus are OPEN
- Visitors are asked to voluntarily limit visits to the office, especially if feeling ill
 Visit <u>www.wrecc.com</u> to make payments or to apply for service.



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SHOPPING TIPS

With retail stores at reduced capacity due to COVID-19 restrictions, many people will shop online for Christmas. Check out these important online shopping tips:

- Change your passwords to online shopping sites regularly
- Do not use publicly available wifi networks to shop
- Never respond to emails or text messages from unknown sources
 - even if it IS a great deal!

ASSISTANCE

If you are struggling to pay your electric bill, assistance is available through your <u>local</u> <u>Community Action office</u>. Winter LIHEAP and the Governor's Healthy at Home Utility Relief Fund will be available through December 11 or until funds run out. Warren RECC's Operation Warm Hearts program is also available through the same offices on an ongoing basis.



Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program





RESTAURANT RELIEF

One industry hit particularly hard by the COVID-19 pandemic is the restaurant industry. Many that made it through the first round are now struggling amid the latest closures. In Grayson County, one local resident has created "Operation Save Christmas" to help out. Read more <u>here</u>.

LOCAL FUN!

Even with COVID-19, many of our Warren RECC communities have found creative ways to celebrate Christmas.

- Franklin: <u>Small Town Christmas</u>, December 5
- Sweeden: <u>KY Rock Fire Department</u> <u>Presents Pictures with Santa</u>, December 12
- Bowling Green: <u>Downtown Lights Up</u> <u>and Santa Sleigh Ride</u>, December 4
- Leitchfield: <u>Christmas in the Park</u> <u>Drive Thru</u>, December 4



