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The foregoing was subscribed and sworn to before me by \_\_\_\_\_  
Pam Wright on this 24 day of January  
in 2018.

Kesie Loperon  
Notary Public, Kentucky, State-At-Large  
My commission expires: 02-07-19

# TLRMC initiates visitor restrictions due to flu

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Due to high Influenza activity within our community and surrounding areas, Twin Lakes Regional Medical Center (TLRMC) in Leitchfield has initiated visitor restrictions effective immediately. These restrictions are part of an effort to keep our patients safe from further illness and our staff healthy so they may continue to provide top quality patient care.

Restrictions include the following:  
NO visitors with Flu-like symptoms (FEVER, COUGH, and SORE THROAT). Masks, tissues, and hand sanitizer are available at the main entrance into the hospital and by the Emergency Department registration entrance.

NO visitors age 15 or under.

NO MORE THAN TWO VISITORS in a hospital patient room at one time.

NO VISITORS OTHER THAN IMMEDIATE FAMILY or other significant persons defined by the patient. Exceptions to these restrictions may be made for cases involving critical-

ly ill patients and end of life situations.

The staff at TLRMC has been educated to encourage visitors that are ill and showing signs of Influenza infection (cough, sneezing, fever, chills, body aches, and general fatigue) to wear a mask and not visit patients until symptoms subside for at least 24 hours. For convenience, "Cover your cough" stations are located at the main entrance into the hospital and at the entrance near the Emergency Department registration that provide masks, tissues, and hand sanitizer to utilize to decrease the chance of spreading or obtaining germs if you must present to the hospital. For other areas of the facility, staff will be offering the same protective equipment to help contain organisms that could cause illness.

We highly recommend disinfecting hands by using soap and water, or alcohol-based rubs found throughout the facility. It is a fact that hand hygiene is the number one way to decrease transmission of disease and illness.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

(CDC), thus far into the current flu season "A total of 20 influenza-associated pediatric deaths have been reported for the 2017-2018 season" (CDC, 2018). It is recommended that no visitors age 15 or under present to the hospital to visit a hospitalized patient unless absolutely necessary.

People with symptoms of flu can spread it to others that are within 6 feet of them. Flu viruses are spread mainly by droplets produced during coughing, sneezing, or talking.

These droplets can land in the mouths or noses of people who are nearby and cause infection; these droplets can also possibly be inhaled into the lungs. Transmission can also occur due to touching surfaces or objects that have the flu virus on them and then touching mouths and/or noses (CDC, 2018).

This proves why it is important for us to disinfect frequently touched surfaces at home, work, and school, especially if someone is showing signs of infection as noted above. It is also EXTREMELY important for us to perform hand hygiene

frequently. Using soap and water or alcohol-based rubs are effective to decrease the chance of transmitting illness to others. Just be sure to rub alcohol-based foams/gels until dry to all areas of the hands and wrists. As long as the rub is wet, it is still killing organisms that cause illness.

In summary, please think about family, friends, children, the elderly, and others if symptoms of illness are present. Please, cover your cough or sneeze into your elbow instead of your hand. **FREQUENTLY WASH YOUR HANDS**, and disinfect frequently used surfaces, such as door knobs, desk tops, computer key boards, pens/pencils, shopping cart handles, and whatever we can see that is touched frequently.

We are asking our community to help by working as a team to keep each other as healthy as possible. Remember, if you are experiencing Flu-like symptoms please DO NOT visit hospitalized patients and help us keep our patients safe from further illness.

**Reference**  
CDC. (2018). "Weekly U.S. Influenza Surveillance Report." Retrieved from: <https://www.cdc.gov/flu/weekly/>

# USDA Announces a Near-Record Year for Farm Loans

Infusing Rural Communities with Stronger Businesses and Sounder Agricultural Economies

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Farm Service Agency (FSA) today announced another year of high activity in its farm loan programs. Hard-working farm families across the country accessed nearly \$6 billion in new credit, either directly or guaranteed through commercial lenders in 2017. At year end, FSA was assisting more than 120,000 family farmers with loans totaling just over \$25 billion.

"FSA loan funds have been in high demand the last few years," said Dr. Robert Johansson, Acting Deputy Under Secretary for the Farm Production and Conservation mission area. "We provide opportunities to qualified small, beginning and underserved farmers who are unable to obtain commercial credit, to help them get started, gain access to land and grow their operations. Family farmers across America also come to us for credit when they face challenges to stay in business. We're proud to support rural prosperity by providing credit to those who need it most."

FSA provides a variety

of loan assistance, including direct and guaranteed farm ownership loans, operating loans and even direct Microloans up to \$50,000 and EZ Guarantees up to \$100,000 with streamlined application processes.

More than 25,000 direct and guaranteed FSA loans went to beginning or underserved farmers and ranchers. Over 4,200 beginning farmers received direct farm ownership loans from FSA to make their first land purchase. And of the approximately 6,500 Microloans made in the last fiscal year, three-quarters (almost 4,900) went to beginning farmers, 1,000 went to women and 400 to veterans.

FSA's direct farm loans are unique in that the agency provides technical assistance in addition to credit. Consistent with efforts to continually improve technical assistance, today FSA announced the publication of two booklets that will serve as important informational tools and resources for existing and prospective farm loan borrowers.

Your FSA Farm Loan Compass booklet was recently developed specifically for farmers and ranchers who have an existing farm loan with FSA. It provides detailed guidance outlin-

ing borrower responsibilities and the servicing options that FSA offers. It also addresses common questions borrowers may have as they navigate through loan program requirements and the financial concepts involved.

Originally published in 2012, Your Guide to FSA Farm Loans was designed for new loan customers. It provides information about the various types of farm loans available and guides new borrowers through the application process. The revised version addresses program changes and includes new loan offerings, like the popular Microloan program that was rolled out after the publication of the original Guide.

"Your FSA Farm Loan Compass" and "Your Guide to FSA Farm Loans" are available on the FSA website at [www.fsa.usda.gov/dafl](http://www.fsa.usda.gov/dafl). Farmers and ranchers are encouraged to download and share them with others in their community who may require assistance in understanding FSA's loans and servicing processes.

For additional information about FSA farm loans, please contact your loan officer or other FSA staff at your local office. To find your local FSA office, visit <http://offices.usda.gov>.

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in life, and not allow ourselves to be distracted by lesser or unimportant things. At Luke 4:43 Jesus declares that He was sent to preach the good news of the kingdom of God. This was said in response to the people's plea to stay with them. Remember to keep the main thing the main thing.

4. Delegation. One person cannot do everything. At Mark 3:13 Jesus called twelve men to Himself, and sent them

forth to preach the gospel. Get people involved in any important task. This is true in daily life, home life, and church life.

5. Meditation. Meditation and prayer charge our spiritual batteries. At Mark 1:35 Jesus went out early to pray alone.

6. Recreation. At Mark 6:31 when Jesus saw that the demands of life were pressing so close, He told His disciples that they should go away from the hustle

and bustle to a desert place and rest for a while. God established a day of rest for His people under the law of Moses.

7. Give your stress to God. See Mat-

thew 11:28-ff. There can be no true peace without a relationship with God. Give it up and be transformed. Go from stressed to satisfied.

Find the online edition of this week's Banner Republican at [www.jobforkentucky.com](http://www.jobforkentucky.com)

### NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that Butler County Water System, Inc., 1118 South Main Street, Suite 1, Morgantown, KY, plans to file an application with the Public Service Commission, 211 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, KY, pursuant to KRS278.023 on January 29th, 2018 for the purpose of changing its water rates, effective June 1, 2018, as follows:

Monthly Rates	Prior Rate	New Rate	Increase	% Increase
First 2,000 gallons (Minimum Bill)	\$18.54	\$20.38	\$1.84	9.92
Next 4,000 gallons (per 1,000 gallons)	5.37	5.90	.53	9.87
Next 44,000 gallons (per 1,000 gallons)	4.77	5.24	.47	9.85
Next 50,000 gallons (per 1,000 gallons)	4.10	4.51	.41	10.00
Over 100,000 gallons (per 1,000 gallons)	3.42	3.76	.34	9.94

The above Minimum Bill applies to the 5/8 x 3/4 inch meters only. The Minimum Bills below will apply to all other meter sizes.

Monthly Rates	Prior Rate	New Rate	Increase	% Increase
1" First 5,000 Gallons	\$35.18	\$38.68	\$3.50	9.95
1-1/2" First 10,000 Gallons	62.86	69.11	6.25	9.94
2" First 16,000 Gallons	92.26	101.44	9.18	9.95
3" First 25,000 Gallons	149.77	164.67	14.90	9.95
4" First 30,000 Gallons	207.19	227.81	20.62	9.95
6" First 60,000 Gallons	361.90	397.91	36.01	9.95
8" First 80,000 Gallons	459.04	504.71	45.67	9.95

These rates apply to all customer classifications and are subject to a 10 percent penalty if paid after the due date.

The monthly bill for an average residential customer using 4,000 gallons of water each month will increase \$2.90 (or 9.90%) from \$29.28 to \$32.18. The monthly bill for an average commercial customer using 10,000 gallons of water each month will increase \$5.84 (or 9.88%) from \$59.10 to \$64.94. A person may examine this application at the System's Office located at 1118 South Main Street, Suite 1, Morgantown, KY. A person may also examine this application at the PSC located at 211 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, Kentucky, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. or on the PSC website at <http://psc.ky.gov>; telephone: (502) 564-3940. The proposed rates are required under the terms of an agreement between Butler County Water System and the United States Department of Agriculture. KRS 278.023 does not grant the Public Service Commission any discretionary authority to modify or reject any portion of the agreement between United States Department of Agriculture and Butler County Water System or to defer the issuance of all necessary orders to implement the terms of that agreement. Comments regarding this application filing may be submitted to the PSC through its Web site or by mail to PO Box 615, Frankfort, KY 40602.

The existing General Service rates have not been increased since 2014. The Water System is planning to construct five (5) water line extensions to serve new customers, install an Automatic Meter Reading system, and install a leak detection system. Water Revenue Bonds for up to \$1,422,000 are planned to be sold to the United States Department of Agriculture. The proposed rates will produce sufficient revenue to meet the debt repayment schedule and operating expenses.

Butler County Water System, Inc.



**BUTLER COUNTY RECYCLING**

**DROP OFF LOCATIONS**

- Morgantown Fire Dept/Court House
- Jumping Jacks 231 South
- Morgantown Elementary School
- Butler County Middle School
- Butler County High school
- North Butler Elementary School
- Little Muddy Church/Rural Development Center
- Provo Rural Development Center
- Rochester Post Office
- Reedsville Rural Development Center
- 4th District Fire Department
- 5th District Fire Department
- Pizza Zone
- Cool Springs Church
- Innovative Auction Group in Morgantown
- Corner Market in Roundhill