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**CHFS Discusses Public Health Response to Hepatitis A
Outbreak**

FRANKFORT, KY (March 1, 2019) – Today, the Cabinet for Health and Family Services announced its support for a legislative resolution calling for an examination of the public health response to Kentucky’s hepatitis A outbreak. Department for Public Health leaders welcome the opportunity to explain the situation to legislators and work collaboratively to identify best practices, service delivery gaps, and other attributes of the response in order to strengthen the public health system’s ability to respond to current and future outbreaks.

The cabinet also took exception to a series of newspaper reports from the Courier-Journal, which highlighted the negative, while ignoring many of the positive, aspects of the state’s response. A number of local health department leaders voiced support for the state’s leadership and response at today’s press conference.

You can watch the entire press conference on our Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/kychfs>. Several supporting documents were also released to

the media at today's event are posted online:

<https://chfs.ky.gov/News/Documents/hepadocs.pdf>.

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The Cabinet for Health and Family Services is home to most of the state's human services and healthcare programs, including the Department for Medicaid Services, the Department for Community Based Services the Department for Public Health and the Department for Behavioral Health, Developmental and Intellectual Disabilities. CHFS is one of the largest agencies in state government, with nearly 8,000 full- and part-time employees located across the Commonwealth focused on improving the lives and health of Kentuckians.