

# CONTACT TRACING

## Business Role Beginning August 1

### A change in law regarding COVID-19 Contact Tracing is set to impact businesses.

Previously, if a positive COVID-19 has been identified at a business, facilities have been able to share contact information of those close contacts with Public Health. This has helped Public Health quickly trace close contacts, allowing quarantine to begin and spread of COVID-19 to be reduced.

The new law which goes into effect August 1 requires consent of the close contacts before their names can be given to Public Health. We know you don't want cases at your business, so KDHE has developed a strategy to help businesses mitigate and curtail any potential spread.

### What we encourage businesses to do is:

**Institute a policy in which you would share with the local health department or KDHE the name and contact information of employees who possibly came in contact with someone who tested positive for COVID-19.**

Employees should be allowed to opt out of the policy but know opting out will affect their ability to be notified if they are a close contact of a COVID-19 case. Those who do not opt out would be giving consent ahead of time to having this limited information shared when a positive case is identified.

#### By having such a policy, you will:



**Help expedite** critical public health notifications



**Protect** workers



**Improve** overall community health

***Working together, we can protect lives and livelihoods – & keep people at work and contributing to our economic recovery.***