

2 unvaccinated babies die of whooping cough in Kentucky

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Two Kentucky infants have died from pertussis, commonly known as whooping cough, within the last six months, according to the Kentucky Department for Public Health. These mark the first pertussis-related deaths in Kentucky since 2018.

Neither the infants nor their mothers had been vaccinated against the disease, prompting health officials to urge all Kentuckians to remain up to date on recommended pertussis immunizations, with an emphasis on the importance of maternal immunization during pregnancy and for all infants begin-

ning promptly at 2 months of age.

“Anyone can get whooping cough, but infants are at greatest risk for life-threatening illness,” Dr. Steven Stack, DPH commissioner, said in a news release. “Fortunately, when vaccinations are administered to pregnant women, it provides protection to both the mother and the baby.”

Whooping cough is a highly contagious respiratory illness spread by coughing and sneezing. Infected people can spread the disease from the start of symptoms and at least two weeks after coughing begins. Early symptoms of whooping cough look like a common cold, includ-

ing runny nose, sneezing, mild cough and low-grade fever. After one to two weeks, long coughing spells develop, which often occur in explosive bursts, sometimes ending with a high-pitched whoop and vomiting. This can go on for up to 10 weeks or more, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Babies younger than one year old are at greatest risk of getting whooping cough and having severe complications from it. Young infants may not initially present with classic symptoms and may not even have a cough. Instead, they may just struggle to breathe or stop breathing.

It’s also important to

know that some people have mild symptoms and don’t know they have whooping cough, but they can still spread the bacteria

to others. Many babies are infected by older siblings, parents or caregivers who may not know they have it.

People with pre-existing

health conditions that may be worsened by whooping cough are also at high risk for developing a severe infection.

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
29TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
CASEY CIRCUIT COURT
CIVIL ACTION NO. 23-CI-00067

LARRY WILHAM and JOYCE WILHAM
VS.
LINDA SUE CLEMENTS; JENA CARMAN & KEVIN CARMAN, her husband;
LISA FOLEY & CHESTER FOLEY, her husband; BOBBY KENNETH CLEMENTS & MIRANDA CLEMENTS, his wife; TERESA CLEMENTS COCANOUGHTER & GEORGE COCANOUGHTER, her husband; MICHAEL PHILLIP CLEMENTS & SUSIE CLEMENTS, his wife; JACKIE RAY CLEMENTS & SUSIE CLEMENTS, his wife; TERRI EDWARD CLEMENTS; RACHEL MONDIE & RALPH MONDIE, her husband; MARY MARLEN FOX & DARIN FOX, her husband; RICKY NEAL CLEMENTS-NEWBERRY; UNKNOWN SPOUSE, IF ANY, OF RICKY NEAL CLEMENTS-NEWBERRY; BILLY HENRY CLEMENTS-NEWBERRY; UNKNOWN SPOUSE, IF ANY OF BILLY HENRY CLEMENTS-NEWBERRY; CHRISTOPHER WIES; UNKNOWN SPOUSE, IF ANY OF CHRISTOPHER WIES; JERRY JOHNSON & JUDY JOHNSON, his wife; KERRI ROACH EADS, DALTON EADS; WANDA OSBURN & CHARLES OSBURN, her husband; PATRICK CASH; ADAM LINDSEY & EVIE LINDSEY, his wife; CAROL YARGER; GLEN ANDERSON; SHELIA WILHAM MCKENZIE; BOBBY WILHAM; THE COUNTY OF CASEY

PLAINTIFF

DEFENDANTS

NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE

Property Address: 5216 Dry Ridge Road, Liberty, KY 42539
PVA Parcel ID No.: 099-21
DATE OF SALE: Saturday, June 28, 2025, at 10:00 a.m.
PLACE OF SALE: On the premises at or near 5216 Dry Ridge Road, Liberty, KY.

The property contains 255.67 +/- acres per new survey and will be sold in six tracts followed by any combinations requested by buyers using the multi-par auction method. The new survey plats are of record in Plat Book Two, Slides 1856, 1857, & 1858, in the Casey County Clerk's Office.

Pursuant to an Amended Judgment and Order of Sale entered on **October 21, 2024**, by the Casey Circuit Court this action, the undersigned with the assistance of United County Real Estate, Liberty, Kentucky, will sell to the highest and best bidder at public auction the following described real property located in Casey County, Kentucky:

The property will be sold to the highest and best bidder(s) on terms of full cash on date of sale, or with a down payment of **ten percent (10%)** with the balance upon credit of thirty (30) days and the purchaser(s) shall be required to execute a bond WITH A GOOD AND SUFFICIENT SURETY THEREON for the purchase price, said bond to bear interest at the rate of 6% per annum from date of sale until paid, and the bond shall have the same force and effect as a Judgment and shall remain and be a lien on the real property until fully paid. The purchaser(s) may pay the purchase price money bond with accrued interest at any time before maturity.


The property shall otherwise be sold free and clear of any right, title and interest of all parties to the action and of their liens and encumbrances thereon except easements and restrictions of record in the Casey County Court Clerk's Office, Liberty, Kentucky. The 2025 and all delinquent ad valorem taxes, if any, interest and penalties will be paid out of the proceeds of the sale.

Possession will be given to the purchaser(s) with the delivery of the deed of conveyance thereto. The purchaser(s) will be responsible for all risks of loss to the premises upon acceptance of their bid at the sale.

The purpose of this sale is for division of jointly owned property, plus attorney fees, court costs, and other approved expenses.

Questions about the sale can be addressed to Matt Murphy with United County Real Estate at (606) 787-8391 or the undersigned at (606) 787-5555.

DONALD A. THOMAS
MASTER COMMISSIONER
CASEY CIRCUIT COURT



LEGAL NOTICE

Child Find for Children with Disabilities in Need of Special Education or 504 Services & Destruction of Records Notice

The Casey County School District keeps educational records in a secure location in each school and the Board office.

The Casey County School District obtains written consent from a parent or eligible student (age 18 or older who is attending a postsecondary institution) before disclosing personally identifiable information to an entity or individual not authorized to receive it under FERPA.

For students who have been determined eligible for Special Education, educational records will be destroyed at the request of the parents when they are no longer needed to provide educational programs or services.

The Casey County School District may destroy the educational records of a child without a parent's request three years after they are no longer needed to provide educational programs or services. Parents are advised that data contained in the records may later be required for Social Security benefits or other purposes. The date for records destruction is **July 15, 2025**.

The Casey County School District may retain, for an indefinite time, a record of the student's name, address, telephone number, grades, attendance records, classes attended, grade level completed, and year completed.

Children eligible for Special Education include those children with disabilities who have autism, deaf-blindness, developmental delay, emotional-behavior disability, hearing impairment, mental disability, multiple disabilities, orthopedic impairment, other health impairment, specific learning disability, speech or language impairment, traumatic brain injury, or visual impairment and who because of such an impairment need Special Education services.

Children eligible for 504 services include children in a public elementary and secondary education program who have a current physical or mental impairment that currently substantially limits some major life activity, which causes the student's ability to access the school environment or school activities to be substantially limited.

Children eligible for the State-Funded Preschool program include three- and four-year-old children identified with disabilities and four-year-old children who are at-risk, as defined by federal poverty levels up to 160%. Preschool children eligible for special education must have an Individual Education Plan (IEP) instead of a 504 plan to receive State-Funded Preschool program services.

The Casey County School District has an ongoing "Child Find" system, which is designed to locate, identify, and evaluate any child residing in a home, facility, or residence within its geographical boundaries, age three (3) to twenty-one (21) years, who may have a disability and need Special Education or 504 services. This includes children who are not in school; those who are in public, private, or home school; those who are highly mobile, such as children who are migrant or homeless; and those who are advancing from grade to grade, who may need but are not receiving Special Education or 504 services.

The district's "Child Find" system includes children with disabilities attending private or home schools within the school district boundaries who may need special education services.

The Casey County School District will make sure any child enrolled in its district who qualifies for Special Education or 504 services, regardless of how severe the disability, is provided appropriate Special Education or 504 services at no cost to the parents of the child.

Parents, relatives, public and private agency employees, and concerned citizens are urged to help the Casey County School District find any child who may have a disability and need Special Education or 504 services. The District needs to know the name and age, or date of birth of the child; the name, address, and phone number(s) of the parents or guardian; the possible disability; and other information to determine if Special Education or 504 services are needed.

Letters and phone calls are some of the ways the Casey County School District collects the information needed. The information the school District collects will be used to contact the parents of the child and find out if the child needs to be evaluated or referred for Special Education or 504 services.

If you know of a child who lives within the boundaries of the Casey County School District, who may have a disability and may need but is not receiving Special Education or 504 services, please call Director Angel Stephens or send the information to:

Angel Stephens
Director of Special Education
and Preschool Programs/504 Coordinator
Casey County Schools
1922 N. US 127
Liberty, KY 42539
Ph. 606-787-6941

If you know of a child who attends a private or home school within the boundaries of the Casey County School District, who may have a disability, and may need but is not receiving Special Education services, please contact Angel Stephens or send the information to:

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"Child Find" activities will continue throughout the school year. As part of these efforts, the Casey County School District will use screening information, student records, and basic assessment information it collects on all children in the District to help locate those children who have a disability and need Special Education or 504 services. Any information the District collects through "Child Find" is maintained confidentially.



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