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**Gov. Beshear Provides Update on COVID-19**

*Visit the Governor's [Facebook](#) page to watch today's news conference*

**FRANKFORT, Ky. (May 1, 2020)** – On Friday, Gov. Andy Beshear announced the number of tests completed for the novel coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19) at five different sites this week and encouraged Kentuckians to fill up all available appointments throughout the commonwealth.

Gov. Beshear said, "Let me mention, especially yesterday we're having no-shows at some of our Kroger locations. It is really important that we use every one of these tests. So if you sign up, please make sure you go and get tested."

At many of the sites, anyone can now sign up for the free COVID-19 testing. A few sites still have qualifying criteria for getting tested. For the latest information on drive-through testing, visit [kycovid19.ky.gov](https://kycovid19.ky.gov).

"We're going to get through this together because we're going to be strong, because we're going to be resilient," said Gov. Beshear.

In total, 57,648 Kentuckians have been tested. This week, 1,457 tests were performed at the Shawnee Park site in Louisville, 1,612 tests were performed at the BCTC – Lexington site, 1,125 tests were performed at the Bowling Green site, 934 tests were performed at the Owensboro site and 848 tests were performed at the Lexington Walgreens site.

Gov. Beshear also announced there would be no press conference tomorrow, in honor of what would have been Derby Day. “Let’s just take a day to breathe, to get outside, do some things that you enjoy doing that still fall within these guidelines,” said Gov. Beshear. “Let’s get refreshed, and on Sunday we’ll get back together again and I’ll give you an update on both of those days and we will move forward.”

### **Horses and Hope**

Gov. Beshear wished Kentuckians a Happy Oaks Day and Derby weekend, saying it was a special time in the commonwealth even with races postponed.

He also recognized Horses and Hope and breast cancer survivors across Kentucky. Horses and Hope is a project of former First Lady Jane Beshear and the Kentucky Cancer Program, University of Louisville, with the support of the Pink Stable, a committee of Kentucky horse owners, riders, trainers, farm owners, jockeys, and others.

The original mission was to increase breast cancer awareness, education, screening and treatment referral among Kentucky's signature horse industry workers and their families, many of whom are uninsured and underserved. Today, Horses and Hope has been expanded to offer prevention and early detection programs for seven different cancers. For more information, contact Kentucky Cancer Program at 1-877-326-1134.

“Oaks Day is the day where they do a survivor’s parade, where those who have battled and overcome or who are still dealing with breast cancer get a great honor, where the twin spires light up pink. It’s a cause important to so many, including my family,” Gov. Beshear said, “I wanted to make sure that I honored those survivors like I would on any Friday before Derby by wearing a little bit of pink.”

### **Census update**

Today, Kentucky moved up to 13<sup>th</sup> place in the nation for census responses rates. More than 59% of Kentuckians have already completed the 10-minute survey. Those who haven’t can fill out the census at [my2020census.gov](https://my2020census.gov) or by phone at [844-330-2020](tel:844-330-2020) (English) or [844-468-2020](tel:844-468-2020) (Spanish).

### **Congratulations**

Gov. Beshear congratulated Trish and Gary Galbraith and their son, Caleb, whom they adopted via Zoom in Kenton County on Wednesday.

“Congratulations to the Galbraith family and thank you to the judge and social workers who made this possible in an unconventional way,” said Gov. Beshear. “As the father of two amazing kids, I know the joy you feel in this moment and am so happy for you.”

## **Condolences**

Gov. Beshear offered condolences to the family of Geri Thompson, 71, of Louisville, who passed away on April 29 from COVID-19.

“Today, we want to honor an incredible Kentuckian that we lost to COVID-19 on Wednesday,” said Gov. Beshear. “To Geri’s children, grandchildren, sister, nieces, nephews and friends, we’re thinking about you and your family as you mourn this loss. Team Kentucky, this is why we have to keep up the fight.”

## **Tentative reopening schedule**

This week, Kentucky began the phased reopening of health care services as the first step under Gov. Beshear’s [Healthy at Work](#) initiative. Gov. Beshear also unveiled a [tentative reopening schedule](#) for a variety of businesses allowed to resume operations in May. For more information, [click here](#).

On Monday, the Governor will provide another Healthy at Work update, with official guidance for industries reopening on May 11.

## **Case information**

As of 5 p.m. May 1, Gov. Beshear said there were at least 4,879 coronavirus cases in Kentucky, 177 of which were newly confirmed.

Unfortunately, Gov. Beshear also reported eight new deaths Friday, raising the state’s toll to 248 deaths related to the virus.

The deaths include a 90-year-old woman from Graves, an 86-year-old woman from Marshall, an 80-year-old woman from Butler, a 93-year-old man from Carlisle, an 81-year-old woman from Jefferson, a 42-year-old man from Jefferson, a 67-year-old woman from Jackson and a 58-year-old woman from Adair.

At least 1,752 Kentuckians have recovered from the virus.

For additional information, including up-to-date lists of positive cases and deaths, as well as breakdowns of coronavirus infections by county, race and ethnicity, [click here](#).

## **More information**

Read about other key updates, actions and information from Gov. Beshear and his administration at [governor.ky.gov](#), [kycovid19.ky.gov](#) and the Governor’s official social media accounts [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and

Kentuckians can also access translated COVID-19 information and daily summaries of the Governor's news conference at [tinyurl.com/kygovespanol](https://tinyurl.com/kygovespanol) (Spanish) and [tinyurl.com/kygovtranslations](https://tinyurl.com/kygovtranslations) (more than 20 additional languages).



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