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**Gov. Beshear Updates Kentuckians on COVID-19  
Vaccinations**

**FRANKFORT, Ky. (May 7, 2021)** – On Friday, Gov. Andy Beshear announced 1,851,835 people have received at least their first dose of a COVID-19 vaccine in Kentucky.

The Governor also said this week that Kentucky's sales tax receipts from April hit \$486.5 million and the state's vehicle usage tax receipts hit over \$64 million. These are the highest ever reported in the history of the commonwealth and are generated solely from economic activity.

"Our economy is heating up. We are doing it right – safely and sustainably," said Gov. Beshear. "We cannot give up now. We are picking up economic momentum while putting the health and safety of our people first. We are lifting more restrictions each month as we get more folks vaccinated, open our schools and protect our neighbors from this virus that has already killed more than 6,500 Kentuckians."

### **Case Information**

As of 4 p.m. Friday, May 7, Gov. Beshear reported the following COVID-19 numbers:

People vaccinated in Kentucky (have received at least one dose): 1,851,835

New cases today: 638

Positivity rate: 3.50%

For more information on cases and hospital capacity, see the [full daily COVID-19 report](#). To see a list of those reported lost to the virus today, click [here](#).

### **More Information**

To see all vaccination sites and free transportation options to and from vaccination appointments, visit [vaccine.ky.gov](#). To see a list of vaccination sites that have openings this week, visit [vaccinemap.ky.gov](#). If Kentuckians have questions, they should call the state's COVID-19 Vaccine Hotline, [855-598-2246](#) or TTY [855-326-4654](#) (for deaf or hard-of-hearing Kentuckians).

Because so many Kentuckians have received COVID-19 vaccines, the state has been able to [increase capacity in most businesses to 60%](#) and return child care classrooms to their [traditional sizes](#). In addition, state officials have been able to [shorten and simplify Healthy at Work minimum requirements](#) and [lift the mask mandate for smaller, outdoor events](#). As outlined in today's release, additional restrictions will be lifted May 28.

For detailed information on COVID-19 vaccinations and more, visit [kycovid19.ky.gov](#).

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