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

**FRANKFORT, Ky. (June 13, 2020)** – Gov. Andy Beshear on Saturday updated Kentuckians on steps the state is taking to address the novel coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19).

“We’ve been fighting this virus for months and I know every single Kentuckian has sacrificed for the greater good during that time,” said Gov. Andy Beshear. “Today, I especially want to thank our health care workers who continue to save lives on the front lines and who have never given up.”

Today, pursuant to the Governor’s request and the Historic Properties Advisory Commission’s bipartisan vote, the statue of Jefferson Davis was removed from the Capitol Rotunda. To read Gov. Beshear’s full statement, [click here](#).

### **Case information**

As of 4 p.m. June 13, Gov. Beshear said there were at least 12,445 coronavirus cases in Kentucky, 315 of which were newly confirmed Saturday.

"As we reopen, we must continue to follow precautions and protect each other," said Gov. Beshear. "We've come a long way but the fight is not over."

Unfortunately, Gov. Beshear reported two new deaths Saturday, raising the total to 499 Kentuckians lost to the virus.

"We will hold their families in our hearts and lift them up," said Gov. Beshear. "While today we are reporting a relatively low number of deaths, the pain their loved ones are going through is exactly the same as all other 497 families."

The deaths reported Saturday include a 68-year-old man from Grayson and a 78-year-old man from Oldham.

Fortunately, 3,409 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](#).

#### **Absentee ballot request application online**

Gov. Beshear is reminding all voters to use the absentee ballot request application now available online before the deadline to request a ballot on June 15. A link to the State Board of Elections' portal can be found at [govoteky.com](http://govoteky.com).

#### **Testing expansion**

Gov. Beshear on [Wednesday announced](#) that the state's ongoing partnership with Kroger will bring expanded COVID-19 drive-through testing next week in several locations across the commonwealth.

Information on how to register at more than 180 sites throughout the commonwealth can be found at [kycovid19.ky.gov](http://kycovid19.ky.gov).

#### **Census update**

Gov. Beshear reminded Kentuckians of the critical importance of filling out their U.S. Census

forms. Those who have not 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).

#### **More Information**

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

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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