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

**FRANKFORT, Ky. (May 5, 2021)** – On Wednesday, Gov. Andy Beshear announced 1,837,229 people have received at least their first dose of a COVID-19 vaccine in Kentucky.

“Because so many Kentuckians have rolled up their sleeves for these vaccines, these shots of hope, we’ve been able to [increase capacity in most businesses to 60%](#) and return child care classrooms to their [traditional sizes](#),” said Gov. Beshear. “We’ve been able to [shorten and simplify Healthy at Work minimum requirements](#). We’ve been able to [lift the mask mandate for smaller, outdoor events](#). That’s all because of you. And as more Kentuckians get vaccinated, it will be safer to lift even more restrictions.”

**Case Information**

As of 4 p.m. Wednesday, May 5, Gov. Beshear reported the following COVID-19 numbers:

People vaccinated in Kentucky (have received at least one dose): 1,837,229

New cases today: 710

Positivity rate: 3.57%

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).

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

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