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Gov. Beshear: Positivity Rate Decreases Again As More Kentuckians Become Eligible for COVID-19 Vaccine

All Kentuckians 50 and older are now eligible for vaccine; all Kentuckians 16 and older eligible by April 12

FRANKFORT, Ky. (March 24, 2021) – On Wednesday, Gov. Andy Beshear announced the state’s positivity rate has decreased again, to 2.85%.

All Kentuckians 50 and older became eligible Monday for three highly effective COVID-19 vaccines. By April 12, all Kentuckians 16 and older will be eligible to sign up for vaccination appointments.

“Every day, as more Kentuckians are vaccinated, we get closer to our goal of defeating COVID-19,” said Gov. Beshear. “We’re not just going to meet the president’s goal that every American adult will be able to sign up for vaccination appointments by May 1, we’re going to beat that goal by more than two weeks at least.”

Case Information

As of 4 p.m. Wednesday, March 24, Gov. Beshear reported the following COVID-19 numbers:

New cases today: 695
New deaths today: 24
New audit deaths: 25
Positivity rate: 2.85%
Total deaths: 5,863
Currently hospitalized: 438
Currently in ICU: 103
Currently on ventilator: 87

Top counties with the most positive cases today are: Jefferson, Fayette, Hardin, Scott, Warren and Boone. Each county reported at least 20 new cases.

To see a list of those reported lost to the virus today, click [here](#).

Kentucky's COVID-19 Vaccine Website, vaccine.ky.gov, shows Kentuckians which phase they are in specifically. Individuals can sign up for notifications so state officials can communicate with them when doses become available at new and existing sites. [Kentucky's vaccine map](#) lists regional vaccination partners statewide, so individuals can search their county or region and see how to schedule an appointment. Below the vaccine map, Kentuckians can find additional vaccination sites at [Kroger](#), [Walmart](#) and [Walgreens](#) stores, as well as [independent pharmacies](#).

Kentucky's COVID-19 Vaccine Hotline, [855-598-2246](tel:855-598-2246) or TTY [855-326-4654](tel:855-326-4654) (for deaf or hard-of-hearing Kentuckians), has the same features as the website. Kentuckians can get assistance completing the vaccine eligibility questionnaire and scheduling an appointment when doses are available. The hotline is available 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. EST Monday through Friday.

Free or reduced-cost transportation to and from vaccination appointments is offered by public transit agencies across the commonwealth. These services are already operating in over 90 counties, covering 75% of all counties across Kentucky. Kentuckians can find transportation services near them by heading to kycovid19.ky.gov for a full list of participating public transit agencies and their phone numbers, or by calling the Kentucky COVID-19 Vaccine Hotline.

More Information

To view the [full daily report](#), [incidence rate map](#), information on [testing locations](#), [vaccines](#), [contact tracing](#), [school reports and guidance](#), [guidance for health care providers](#) and the White House Coronavirus Task Force reports for Kentucky and more, visit kycovid19.ky.gov.

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