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Gov. Beshear: Virus Continues to Surge Across Commonwealth

FRANKFORT, Ky. (Nov. 3, 2020) – On Tuesday, Gov. Andy Beshear said Kentuckians should be alarmed by the surge of COVID-19 cases in the commonwealth and renew their commitment to stop the spread of this disease before the crisis escalates further.

“It continues to be a difficult time in the commonwealth, where every day, things appear to be getting worse and more concerning,” said Gov. Beshear. “We are seeing not only a surge in the virus, but more and more of our kids by percentage who are getting it.”

Families, schools, businesses and community leaders in counties [listed in the red zone](#) should follow [nine recommendations](#) to keep people safe. All Kentuckians should consider adopting some of these recommendations to help their county avoid the red zone. Today’s COVID-19 case report is the highest ever for a Tuesday.

He encouraged all Kentuckians to vote safely and make their voices heard today.

“I think Kentuckians are really focused on what appears to be a record turnout. I believe this election will be one that is good for democracy and shows that Kentucky can be a model for the country,” said Gov. Beshear.

Case Information

As of 4 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 3, Gov. Beshear reported the following COVID-19 numbers:

- New cases today: 1,795
- New deaths today: 11
- Positivity rate: 6.24%
- Total deaths: 1,503
- Currently hospitalized: 1,037
- Currently in ICU: 259
- Currently on ventilator: 116

Top counties with the most positive cases today are: Jefferson, Fayette, Warren, Laurel, Boone and Kenton.

Red zone counties for this week can be found [here](#).

Those reported lost to the virus today include: a 71-year-old man from Hardin County; four women, ages 86, 91, 92 and 94, and a 59-year-old man from Jefferson County; an 88-year-old woman from Monroe County; a 76-year-old man from Montgomery County; an 82-year-old woman and a 71-year-old man from Muhlenberg County; and a 78-year-old man from Ohio County.

More Information

To view the [full daily report](#), incidence rate map, testing locations, long term-care and other congregate facilities update, school reports, the White House Coronavirus Task Force reports for Kentucky and other key guidance visit, kycovid19.ky.gov.

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