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

**FRANKFORT, Ky. (Feb. 24, 2021)** – On Wednesday, Gov. Andy Beshear announced the state’s positivity rate has declined to 5.9%, the lowest since Oct. 27.

“We are getting these vaccines out faster than the federal government can provide them, so there’s a lot of hope moving into the future,” [said](#) Gov. Beshear. “We are going to defeat this virus this year, but until then, we’ve got to protect each other.”

**Case Information**

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

New cases today: 1,306

New deaths today: 51

Positivity rate: 5.9%

Total deaths: 4,527

Currently hospitalized: 883

Currently in ICU: 228  
Currently on ventilator: 112

Top counties with the most positive cases today are: Jefferson, Fayette and Kenton. Each county reported at least 50 new cases. Jefferson County reported 173.

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

### **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](http://kycovid19.ky.gov).

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