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### **Gov. Beshear Provides Update on COVID-19 Vaccinations, Better Kentucky Plan**

**FRANKFORT, Ky. (June 1, 2021)** – On Tuesday, Gov. Andy Beshear announced 2,058,029 people have received at least their first dose of a COVID-19 vaccine in Kentucky.

“These vaccines are miracles. They have effectively eliminated death and hospitalization for the most vulnerable,” said Gov. Beshear. “They are saving lives every day and we’ve got to make sure more people get them.”

The Governor also announced due to increased vaccinations, senior centers will reopen at full capacity on June 11.

#### **Case Information**

As of 4 p.m. Tuesday, June 1, Gov. Beshear reported the following COVID-19 numbers:

People vaccinated in Kentucky (have received at least one dose): 2,058,029

New cases today: 137

Positivity rate: 2.50%

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](#).

“Today, we’re going to add a number of audit deaths – 260 – to make sure that we are fully accurate,” said Gov. Beshear. “I believe after today we will have conducted the most comprehensive audit of any state in the country for deaths during this pandemic.”

The top five counties by percent of residents vaccinated are: Woodford (62%), Franklin (60%), Fayette (58%), Boone (52%) and Scott (51%).

The bottom five counties by percent of residents vaccinated are: Christian (19%), Spencer (20%), Ballard (21%), McCreary (22%) and Lewis (22%).

### **Better Kentucky Plan Includes \$250 Million to Improve Water Infrastructure**

Gov. Beshear today announced a Better Kentucky Plan that will help Kentucky create 14,500 jobs and help build better schools, expand internet and deliver clean drinking water and quality sewer systems across Kentucky.

The plan’s \$250 million Cleaner Water Program is the first program to accept applications, starting today, since Gov. Beshear and Kentucky lawmakers reached a bipartisan agreement at the close of the 2021 General Assembly to invest nearly \$700 million in federal relief funds for infrastructure initiatives. To learn more, see the [full release](#).

### **Transportation Construction Project Contracts Top \$1 Billion**

In another clear sign Kentucky’s economy is surging ahead as the COVID-19 pandemic is brought under control in the commonwealth, today Gov. Beshear announced that more than \$1 billion in construction project contracts have been awarded by the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC) since January 2020.

At the same time, KYTC has allocated more than \$125 million in discretionary, emergency aid and rural-secondary funding that will help build, repair and maintain local streets, sidewalks and rural roads in communities across the commonwealth. To learn more, see the [full release](#).

### **\$273 Million in Economic Development Projects to Create at Least 505 New Jobs**

Today, Gov. Beshear highlighted four major company investments announced last week, from [Firestone Industrial Products](#), [Wieland North America](#), [Kruger Packaging](#), [Jackson Purchase Distillery](#). To learn more, visit [governor.ky.gov/news](http://governor.ky.gov/news).

**More Information**

To see all vaccination sites and free transportation options to and from vaccination appointments, visit [vaccine.ky.gov](https://vaccine.ky.gov). To see a list of vaccination sites that have openings this week, visit [vaccinemap.ky.gov](https://vaccinemap.ky.gov). If Kentuckians have questions, they should call the state'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).

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

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