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Gov. Beshear Provides Update on COVID-19

FRANKFORT, Ky. (July 11, 2020) – Gov. Andy Beshear on Saturday updated Kentuckians on the state's continued efforts to fight the novel coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19).

"We have another day of really high numbers of COVID-19 cases," said Gov. Beshear. "This is another day where it shows that we are no longer in a plateau but cases are increasing. We must act now."

Case Information
As of 4 p.m. July 11, Gov. Beshear said there were at least 19,121 coronavirus cases in Kentucky, 453 of which were newly reported Saturday.

"Today's numbers confirm that we will need to continue to take this pandemic seriously," said Dr. Steven Stack, commissioner of the Kentucky Department for Public Health. "These numbers demand serious attention. In addition to remaining at least six feet away from anyone from outside of your household, sanitizing your hands and other high-touch surfaces, this includes

wearing a face covering any time you are in public or indoors, such as in grocery stores or business offices. Wearing a face covering is one of the most important steps we can take to keep our communities safe and continue on the path to reopening Kentucky."

Dr. Stack added a few additional tips for wearing face coverings most effectively.

"Make sure your mask fits properly to protect individuals and others from getting sick. And, keep extra masks handy," Dr. Stack said. "If you know you're going to be outdoors in the heat or doing any kind of activity where you might work up a sweat, bring an extra face mask."

Unfortunately, Gov. Beshear reported two new deaths Saturday, raising the total to 622 Kentuckians lost to the virus.

The deaths reported Saturday include a 69-year-old woman and an 86-year-old man from Jefferson County.

"We continue to lose people to this virus and I know you know it like I know it," said Gov. Beshear. "We're up to 622 lives lost. That's tough news for today. The positive news is we're seeing better compliance and more people wearing face coverings than ever before. It's not a political statement. It's a statement that you care."

As of Saturday, there have been at least 475,983 coronavirus tests performed in Kentucky. At least 5,258 Kentuckians have recovered from the virus.

For additional information, including up-to-date lists of positive cases and deaths, as well as breakdowns of coronavirus infections by county, race and ethnicity, click here.

Week in Review
To read more on major updates from this week, including those on the state's new face coverings mandate, COVID-19 spread in daycares, long-term care, testing, corrections, unemployment insurance claims, unemployment insurance in-person services, Kentucky's new education commissioner, CARES Act funding, economic development and the state budget, go to governor.ky.gov/news.

More Information

Read about other key updates, actions and information from Gov. Beshear and his administration at governor.ky.gov, kycovid19.ky.gov and the Governor's official social media accounts Facebook, Twitter and YouTube.

Kentuckians can also access translated COVID-19 information and daily summaries of the Governor's news conference at tinyurl.com/kygovespanol (Spanish) and tinyurl.com/kygovtranslations (more than 20 additional languages).

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