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**Gov. Beshear Announces 2 Million People Have Received  
at Least Their First Dose of a COVID-19 Vaccine in  
Kentucky**

**FRANKFORT, Ky. (May 25, 2021)** – On Tuesday, Gov. Andy Beshear announced 2,006,742 people have received at least their first dose of a COVID-19 vaccine in Kentucky.

“When you look at this, it is just a miracle,” said Gov. Beshear. “Fifteen months after the first case of COVID-19 in Kentucky, not only do we have effective vaccines, but we have 2 million people vaccinated. It’s really exciting.”

The Governor also noted Moderna announced its COVID-19 vaccine is 100% effective in a study of adolescents ages 12 to 17. The company said it plans to ask the U.S. Food and Drug Administration to expand the emergency use of its vaccine for this age group early next month. If approved, it would be the second COVID-19 vaccine available for this age group, as Pfizer’s vaccine has already been approved for ages 12 and older.

Finally, the Governor said this week, he renewed the [executive order](#) prohibiting price gouging.

### **Case Information**

As of 4 p.m. Tuesday, May 25, Gov. Beshear reported the following COVID-19 numbers:

People vaccinated in Kentucky (have received at least one dose): 2,006,742

New cases today: 580

Positivity rate: 2.52%

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](#).

The top five counties by percent of residents vaccinated are: Woodford (60%), Franklin (58%), Fayette (57%), Scott (50%) and Boone (50%).

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

### **State Correctional Facilities In-Person Visitation Update**

Gov. Beshear said as of today, 76% of adult inmates housed in state custody have been vaccinated. In-person visitation will resume at all Department of Corrections (DOC) state prisons and Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) facilities the week of June 20. Visitors must schedule in advance. Additional information and contact information for scheduling visits will be posted to the [Department of Corrections'](#) and [Department of Juvenile Justice's](#) websites on June 4.

These in-person visitation guidelines only apply to DOC's 14 state prisons and not county jails.

### **More Information**

To see all vaccination sites and free transportation options to and from vaccination appointments, visit [vaccine.ky.gov](#). To see a list of vaccination sites that have openings this week, visit [vaccinemap.ky.gov](#). If Kentuckians have questions, they should call the state's COVID-19 Vaccine Hotline, [855-598-2246](#) or TTY [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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