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Gov. Beshear Provides COVID-19 Update

Governor visits LouVax International Community Day, Lexington Vaccine Public Awareness Campaign Friday

FRANKFORT, Ky. (Feb. 12, 2021) – On Friday, Gov. Andy Beshear announced the state’s positivity rate declined again to 6.95%, the lowest rate since Nov. 6.

“It looks like we’re going to have fewer cases than last week which would give us five straight weeks of declining cases. The positivity rate also continues to decline,” said Gov. Beshear. “This says you’re doing the right things and we’re headed in the right direction. But even if you’ve been vaccinated, we have to continue to wear masks and social distance until we can defeat this thing once and for all.”

Case Information

As of 4 p.m. Friday, Feb. 12, Gov. Beshear reported the following COVID-19 numbers:

New cases today: 1,440

New deaths today: 42

Positivity rate: 6.95%

Total deaths: 4,253

Currently hospitalized: 1,063

Currently in ICU: 277

Currently on ventilator: 154

Top counties with the most positive cases today are: Jefferson, Kenton, Boone and Fayette. Each county reported at least 80 new cases.

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

Also today, Gov. Beshear visited the Louisville Regional Vaccination Site at Broadbent Arena for LouVax International Community Day (photo [here](#)) and the Lexington Vaccine Public Awareness Campaign (photos [here](#) and [here](#)) at the Consolidated Baptist Church on Russell Cave Road. Both events sought to promote [equitable access](#) of the vaccine and encouraged all Kentucky communities to roll up their sleeves for the shot of hope.

In Louisville, the Governor said, “Being in this building, seeing what is behind us, is a moving experience. It’s hard to put it into words. You see compassion; you see hope; you even see victory. This is a special place, filled with special people who are coming together to get us to the other side of the greatest challenge that we have faced in our lifetimes. Just being here lifts you up, helps you breathe in, gets you ready to fight that next day, and lets us absolutely know that we are going to get through this, we’re going to make it to the other side, and we’re going to defeat COVID-19.”

In Lexington, the Governor thanked faith leaders saying, “From the start of this pandemic, our faith leaders have stepped up to protect their congregations and their communities. So often, you lead by example in so many parts of our lives, and your efforts to keep our people safe during this time are inspiring.”

The Governor added, “I am determined to do what I can – now – to make sure historical wrongs like an unequal access to health care do not carry forward. Health care is a basic human right and this principle is one of the basic guiding values of this administration.”

The administration continues to listen and work to address vaccine equity.

Thursday, Lt. Gov. Jacqueline Coleman announced [new community partnerships](#) that aim to help remove vaccine barriers.

Week in Review

For more information on this week’s updates, including those on [Wieland North America planning a headquarters in Louisville](#), the [Team Kentucky fund donating](#)

[\\$380,000 to mission-aligned local nonprofits](#), [the state's focus on equitable vaccine access](#), [AppHarvest's high-tech indoor farm in Morehead](#), [Kentucky Fresh Harvest opening the first high-tech vegetable greenhouse in the Bluegrass](#), [long-term care access to the COVID-19 vaccine](#), [Kentucky's broadband speed test initiative](#), [the relaunch of the *Healthy at Home* Eviction Relief Fund](#), [more than 150 vaccination sites announced](#), [unemployment insurance](#) and the [Free Application for Federal Student Aid \(FAFSA\)](#), visit governor.ky.gov/news.

More Information

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