



Kentucky Hospital Research & Education Foundation Emergency Preparedness Update for June 14, 2020

KY COVID Update

New cases: 315 as of Saturday; 12,445 total

Two new deaths; 499 total to date

Governor's full press release: <https://kentucky.gov/Pages/Activity-stream.aspx?n=GovernorBeshear&prld=209>

[Infection rate estimated by website suggests KY's coronavirus hotspots are moving to Louisville-Bluegrass corridor](#)

(KY Health News) Hotspots for the coronavirus in Kentucky appear to be moving from a gaggle of counties in near Western Kentucky to more urbanized counties along Interstate 64.

Franklin County has the highest estimated rate of transmission, 1.36, on the **CovidActNow** website, which estimates rates for counties that have a sufficient number of cases and also categorizes counties by risk level, based on their hospitalizations, hospital capacity, positive-test rate and tracing of people who have had contact with infected people.

The estimated rate of 1.36 predicts that every 100 people who have the virus in Franklin County will pass it on to 136 other people, a rate that is likely to accelerate. Epidemiologists want the rate to be less than 1, which would make the virus die out eventually, or at least below 1.1, which many consider to be "controlled spread." Kentucky's estimated rate on Friday, June 12, was 1.1.

Other counties over 1.1 were Allen (Scottsville), 1.30, which has had a surge of cases lately; Christian (Hopkinsville), 1.26; Harrison (Cynthiana) and Shelby, 1.20; and the state's two most populous counties: Fayette, 1.16; and Jefferson, 1.12. The Kentucky page of the site is <https://covidactnow.org/us/ky?s=48058>.

Fauci says second wave is 'not inevitable' as coronavirus cases climb in some states

(CNN) Coronavirus cases are on an upswing in several states and the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention says cases could rise this summer as states reopen. But the nation's top infectious disease expert said a second wave of the virus later this year is not inevitable.

Read more: <https://www.cnn.com/2020/06/13/health/us-coronavirus-saturday/index.html>

Related - Masks significantly reduce infection risk, likely preventing thousands of COVID-19 cases

Learn more: <https://news360.com/article/530521633>

CDC has new guidelines for reducing Covid-19 risk post-lockdowns

(Vox) The CDC released two new guidance documents Friday. [One](#) is for individuals thinking about leaving the house to engage in activities like going to restaurants, nail salons, gyms, the bank, traveling, and hosting small gatherings like cookouts. The other lists [considerations for](#) event planners (with the disclaimer, "these considerations are meant to supplement—not replace—any state, local, territorial, or tribal health and safety laws, rules, and regulations with which gatherings must comply.")

These new documents come as some areas of the country — notably Arizona, Florida, and the Carolinas — are starting to [see indications](#) of new Covid-19 spikes, likely due to relaxed social distancing policies that started weeks ago. [The article goes on to summarize the guidance.]

Read more: <https://www.vox.com/2020/6/13/21290106/new-cdc-covid-19-guidelines-restaurants-events-nail-salon-barbeque>

CDC Venturing Out Guidance: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/daily-life-coping/activities.html>

CDC Guidance on Events & Gatherings: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/large-events/considerations-for-events-gatherings.html>

CDC Coronavirus [What's new?](#)

- [CDC releases consolidated COVID-19 testing recommendations](#) Saturday, June 13, 2020
- [How to Get CDC's COVID-19 Diagnostic Test and Supplies](#) Saturday, June 13, 2020
- [Frequently Asked Questions about Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) for Laboratories](#) Saturday, June 13, 2020
- [Staffing Resources](#) Saturday, June 13, 2020
- [Testing for Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) in Nursing Homes](#) Saturday, June 13, 2020
- [CDC in Action](#) Saturday, June 13, 2020
- [Transcript - CDC Media Telebriefing: Update on COVID-19](#) Friday, June 12, 2020

- [Public Attitudes, Behaviors, and Beliefs Related to COVID-19, Stay-at-Home Orders, Nonessential Business Closures, and Public Health Guidance — United States, New York City, and Los Angeles, May 5–12, 2020](#)

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- [CDC Media Telebriefing: Update on COVID-19](#) Friday, June 12, 2020
- [COVIDView Weekly Summary](#) Friday, June 12, 2020
- [Stress and Coping](#) Friday, June 12, 2020
- [Contact Tracing](#) Friday, June 12, 2020
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- [Protect Your Family](#) Friday, June 12, 2020
- [Interim COVID-19 Contact Tracing Communications Toolkit for Health Departments](#) Friday, June 12, 2020
- [Deciding to Go Out](#) Friday, June 12, 2020
- [COVID-19 Forecasts for the United States](#) Friday, June 12, 2020
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- [Data Visualization](#) Friday, June 12, 2020
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- [Communication Toolkit for Transportation Partners to Inform Road Travelers](#) Friday, June 12, 2020
- [Social Distancing, Quarantine, and Isolation](#) Friday, June 12, 2020
- [Toolkit: One Health Approach to Address Companion Animals with SARS-CoV-2](#) Friday, June 12, 2020

Beijing In 'Wartime Emergency Mode' Amid Fresh Cluster of Coronavirus Cases

Learn more: <https://www.npr.org/sections/coronavirus-live-updates/2020/06/13/876544822/beijing-in-wartime-emergency-mode-amid-fresh-cluster-of-coronavirus-cases>

Public Health Workers Fighting Virus Face Growing Threats

(VOA & AP) Public health workers fighting the coronavirus are facing growing threats from elected officials and members of the public who are frustrated with the lockdowns. They have at times turned the health workers into politicized punching bags, battering them with angry calls and physical threats. Many have chosen to leave or have been pushed out of their jobs. A review by Kaiser Health News and The Associated Press finds at least 27 state and local health leaders have resigned, retired or been fired since April across 13 states.

Read more: <https://www.voanews.com/covid-19-pandemic/public-health-workers-fighting-virus-face-growing-threats>

In wake of recent drownings, officials emphasizing safety when swimming, boating on Ky. waterways

(KyForward News) With the recent summer-like temperatures, many people have been getting outdoors to enjoy Kentucky's lakes and streams. If not careful, a fun day swimming or boating can turn tragic in a matter of seconds.

Conservation officers with the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources investigate boating accidents and fatalities on all waterways and reservoirs throughout the state. Often, they work alongside local partners in search and recovery efforts.

As of Friday afternoon, there had been 12 drownings in state waterways since the start of the Memorial Day holiday weekend. The victims ranged from 17 to 52 years old. Each has been male, and the majority have been under age 30.

Full story: <https://www.kyforward.com/in-wake-of-recent-drownings-officials-emphasizing-safety-when-swimming-boating-on-ky-waterways/>

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