

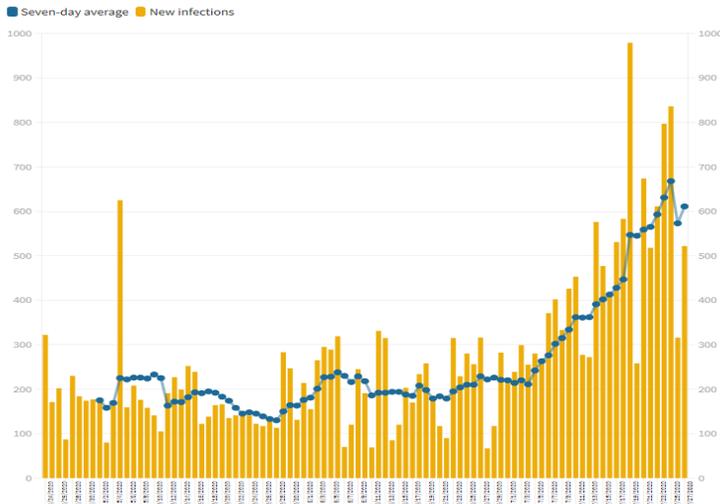


Kentucky Hospital Research & Education Foundation Emergency Preparedness Update for July 27, 2020 - Update 1

Gov. Andy Beshear to close bars, limit indoor dining for two weeks starting July 28 Asks schools to delay until third week of August

(WDRB) Kentucky Gov. Andy Beshear will close bars and cut restaurants' indoor seating limits to 25% of normal capacity starting Tuesday through Aug. 11.

Kentucky daily COVID-19 cases



Beshear also recommends that public school districts not open to in-person classes until the third week of August.

The new restrictions are to limit the spread of the coronavirus, which has been escalating in Kentucky since mid-July. The bar and restaurant restrictions take effect at 5 p.m. Tuesday, July 28.

Beshear said Kentucky's percentage of virus tests that are positive -- a seven-day average 5.58% as of Monday -- continues to rise, which means the increase in cases has to do with viral spread and is not merely a reflection of more testing.

New case: 522; Total cases: 27,601
Positivity Rate: 5.58%
New deaths: 9; Total 709
Total tested: 588,926

Story: https://www.wdrb.com/news/business/beshear-to-close-bars-limit-indoor-dining-for-two-weeks-starting-july-28/article_6b59308a-d03c-11ea-8b75-9bd6089c2f95.html

Governor's Press Releases: <https://governor.ky.gov/news>

KDPH Daily Summary: <https://chfs.ky.gov/agencies/dph/covid19/COVID19DailyReport.pdf>

AHA Today for July 27, 2020

FDA Authorizes first COVID-19 test for asymptomatic people

The Food and Drug Administration Friday reissued its emergency use authorization for the LabCorp COVID-19 RT-PCR Test to include authorized use for asymptomatic individuals and for pooled sample testing with up to five individual specimens. FDA previously authorized emergency use of the test for patients with suspected COVID-19 and individual specimens.

"FDA's authorization of the first diagnostic test to be used for anyone, regardless of whether they are showing symptoms of COVID-19 or have other exposure risk factors, is a step toward the type of broad screening that may help enable the reopening of schools and workplaces," said FDA Commissioner Stephen Hahn, M.D. "By authorizing another test for use with pooled samples, we also further help increase the possibility that patients may be able to receive results sooner, while also conserving vital testing supplies, which are under increased demand during the pandemic."

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