



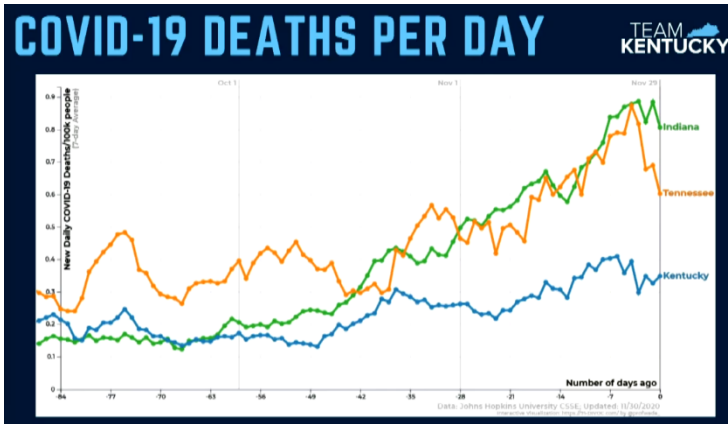
Kentucky Hospital Research & Education Foundation Emergency Preparedness Update for November 30, 2020

Kentucky Governor Says We Have Got to Stop the Rapid Increase in Cases First Vaccine Shipments Arriving Soon

(From [Press Release](#)) , Gov. Andy Beshear and Dr. Steven Stack, Commissioner of the Kentucky Department for Public Health (KDPH), said the state is expecting to receive approximately 38,000 doses of the vaccine against the novel coronavirus as early as mid-December.

“Those will be provided to 38,000 individuals. We can go ahead and provide the first of these shots, and then we will receive the booster shots about three weeks later,” said Gov. Beshear. The Pfizer and Moderna vaccines both require an initial shot followed by a booster shot.

While the number of doses and allocation plan are subject to change, the Governor said as of today the majority of the state’s initial vaccine shipment will go to long-term care (LTC) facilities; and about 12,000 doses will go to hospitals to help inoculate health care workers.



He also indicated that an initial shipment of 76,700 doses from Moderna are expected in late December (about 2 weeks later).

This week, the state is participating in an end-to-end exercise with the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Pfizer and McKesson to test one shipment of an empty thermal shipping container and a mock ancillary kit to one clinic site, the University of Kentucky Medical Center. This test run will help the state prepare for the initial vaccine distribution to LTC and health care facilities; the initial distribution will, in turn, prepare the commonwealth for even larger, more complex distributions in the months

ahead.

The Governor said this is the second highest Monday COVID-19 case report. As of 4 p.m. Monday, Nov. 30, Gov. Beshear reported the following COVID-19 numbers:

- New cases today: 2,124
- New deaths today: 12
- Positivity rate: 9.42%
- Total deaths: 1,908
- Currently hospitalized: 1,741
- Currently in ICU: 421
- Currently on ventilator: 229

He also highlighted advice from Dr. Deborah Birx, coordinator of the White House coronavirus task force, who recently said if you traveled or met with people outside of your household for Thanksgiving, you should “assume that you were exposed [to COVID-19] and you became infected, so you really need to get tested in the next week.”

The Governor’s presentation and remarks on the coming COVID vaccine can be seen at this YouTube link: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YZO8DO_e45U

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