



# Kentucky Hospital Research & Education Foundation Emergency Preparedness Update for January 18, 2021

## KY COVID Numbers for January 18, 2021

The KY Public Health [Daily Report website](#) reported that there were 1,998 new cases posted today, with 219 in persons 18 or under. There were 40 new deaths posted today, for a total of 3,167. The positivity rate is 11.64%. There are 1,587 hospitals with COVID-19, with 397 in the ICU and 208 on a ventilator.

### Current Regional Statistics

Region	COVID-19 Inpatient	COVID-19 ICU	COVID-19 on Ventilator	Inpatient Capacity Used for COVID-19	ICU Capacity Used for COVID-19	Ventilator Capacity Used for COVID-19	Inpatient Capacity in Use	ICU Capacity in Use	Ventilator Capacity in Use
Region 1	65	20	12	8.2%	19.6%	12.1%	49.62%	48.04%	19.19%
Region 2	101	29	22	12.3%	23.8%	26.5%	51.94%	40.98%	44.58%
Region 3	493	109	54	12.9%	20.9%	12.4%	64.12%	62.96%	32.49%
Region 4	100	29	18	11.7%	26.9%	14.9%	54.81%	79.63%	20.66%
Region 5	284	77	37	10.3%	18.5%	7.2%	72.59%	69.47%	39.49%
Region 6	166	39	14	13.1%	22.3%	12.4%	79.95%	52.57%	51.33%
Region 7	73	15	4	11.6%	23.4%	3.4%	73.52%	85.94%	11.97%
Region 8	145	40	26	12.1%	29.4%	17.7%	56.06%	80.88%	33.33%
Region 9	113	21	15	17.0%	18.4%	15.0%	59.91%	55.26%	24.00%
Region 10	47	18	6	9.9%	40.0%	10.9%	58.86%	84.44%	38.18%

Data is derived from the most recent report from facilities as of 12am. COVID-19 census numbers include both confirmed and suspected patients. Red shading indicates regions with current inpatient, ICU, or ventilator capacity in use 80% or higher.

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### Legislature could negotiate with Beshear on emergency bills; Governor still says 'changing the rules in the midst of a worldwide health pandemic seems like a bad idea'

(KY Health News) The General Assembly has passed three bills to limit the governor's power in emergencies, including the current pandemic. Gov. Andy Beshear is expected to veto them, and the legislature seems prepared to override him. But maybe not, Senate President Robert Stivers told Morgan Watkins of the **Courier Journal**. Read more: <http://feedproxy.google.com/~r/KentuckyHealthNews/~3/AJkflUIS9Mc/stivers-says-legislature-could.html>

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### Pandemic Has Worsened U.S. Child Mental Health Crisis 'The whole system is really grinding to a halt'

(NPR) Roughly [6% of U.S. children](#), ages 6 through 17, are living with serious emotional or behavioral difficulties, including children with autism, severe anxiety, depression and trauma-related mental health conditions.

Many of these children depend on schools for access to vital therapies. When schools and doctors' offices stopped providing in-person services last spring, kids were untethered from the people and supports they'd come to rely on.

"The lack of in-person services is really detrimental," says [Dr. Susan Duffy](#), a pediatrician and professor of emergency medicine at Brown University. "So school-based services are one, but also in-person services in general are disrupted [by the pandemic]."

The issues cut across socioeconomic lines — affecting families with private insurance, as well as those who receive coverage through Medicaid, a federal-state program that provides health insurance to lower-income people and those with disabilities.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention found that, from April to October 2020, hospitals across the U.S. saw a [24% increase](#) in the proportion of mental health emergency visits for children ages 5 to 11, and a 31% increase for children ages 12 to 17.

Full NPR story: <https://www.npr.org/sections/health-shots/2021/01/18/953581851/live-tried-everything-pandemic-has-cut-options-for-kids-with-mental-illness>

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**Capitol protest tracker: What happened at capitols across the US on Sunday?**

Learn more: <https://www.usatoday.com/in-depth/news/2021/01/17/us-state-capitol-protests-washington-dc-live-updates/6654912002/>

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**Zello Confirms Rioters Used Walkie-Talkie App During Capitol Attack; Cancels 2,000 Channels**

(International Business Times) Several rioters who stormed into the Capitol last week communicated via popular walkie-talkie social media app Zello, which has become popular among militias. Confirming the news, Zello said that it will take all possible steps to "ban all militia-related channels." Since then, Zello has been forced to cancel over 2,000 channels. The audio tapes obtained reveal a lot about the way the militias operated during the attack on the Capitol.

Zello, which claims to have 150 million users and has avoided the proactive moderation of far-right rhetoric, on Wednesday vowed to 'take action' amid fears it will now be used to target Joe Biden's inauguration next week. Besides locking some public features that would help researchers find more extremist content, the app has begun deleting several far-right groups.

As of now, the app has cancelled more than 2,000 channels after a company spokesperson confirmed that Zello played an active role on the day of the riot. "It is with deep sadness and anger that we have discovered evidence of Zello being misused by some individuals while storming the United States Capitol building last week," he said.

Read more: <https://www.ibtimes.sg/rioters-used-walkie-talkie-app-zello-during-capitol-attack-site-cancels-2000-channels-54912>

**Related background story - How Zello Became A Recruitment & Organizing Tool For The Far Right**

<https://www.wnycstudios.org/podcasts/otm/segments/how-zello-became-recruitment-organizing-app-far-right>

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**January 19 @ 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm EST**

**IMA Webinar Broadcast: InfraGard Atlanta Webinar Series**

**Trends in Next Gen Threat & Vulnerability Management**

**Presented by InfraGard Atlanta | Contact: [education@infragardatlanta.org](mailto:education@infragardatlanta.org)**

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**January 21 @ 8:30 am - 12:30 pm PST**

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This course will give attendees an understanding of complex fraud and financial crimes in the new age. Financial crimes affect not just individuals but also organizations of all sizes, government entities and all sectors of critical infrastructure. Learn about the various types of fraud and financial crimes, how identify the indicators early and potentially prevent these types of crimes from disrupting your organization. [More information](#)

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Lexington, KY 40509-4261

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