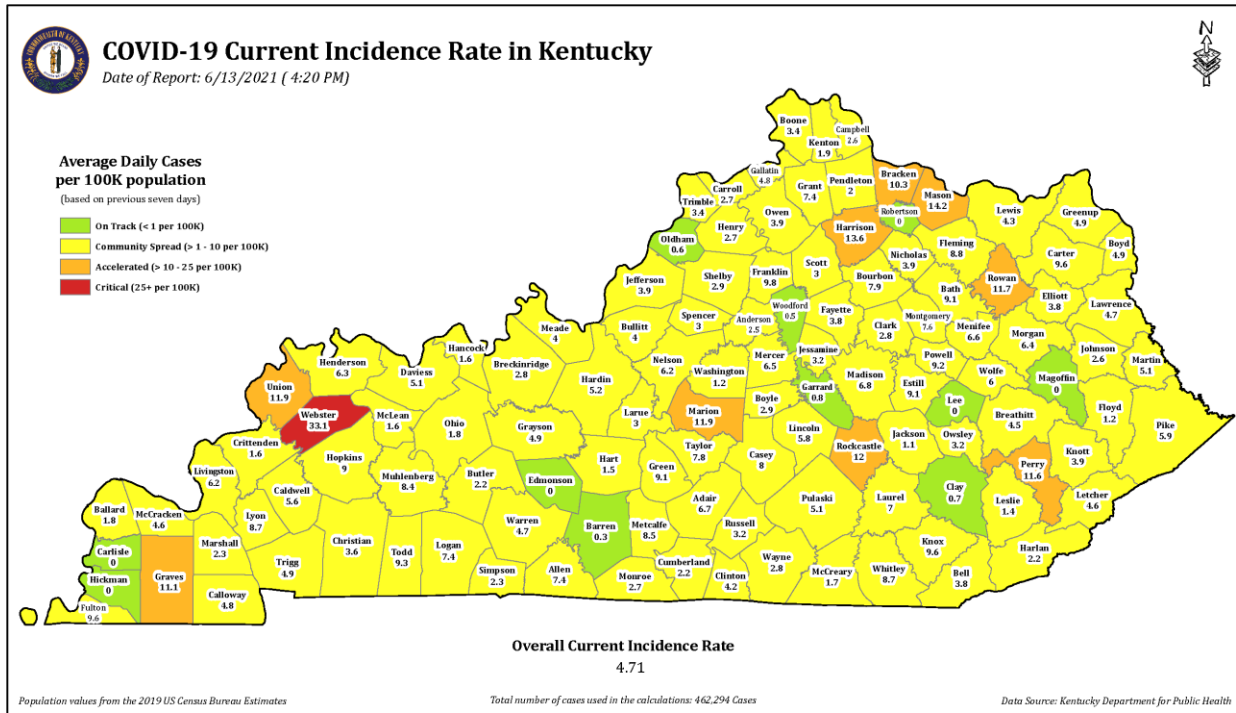




Kentucky Hospital Research & Education Foundation Emergency Preparedness Update for June 13, 2021

KY COVID Update

KY COVID [Daily Summary](#)) There were 88 new cases logged today, with 12 in patients 18 and under. The positivity rate is 2.02%. There were 3 new deaths, for a total of 7,158. There were 221 COVID patients hospitalized, with 64 in an ICU and 34 on a vent. NONE of the regions have over 80% ICU capacity in use, through region 8 is close at 79.41%. The next closest is Region 7 at 70.31%.



Kentucky Drops Mask Mandate For Schools

Read more: <https://wfpl.org/kentucky-drops-mask-mandate-for-schools/>

Virus that was suppressed by pandemic measures resurges in Ky. and the South; main threat is to younger kids, vulnerable adults

(KY Health News) The **Centers for Disease Control and Prevention** is advising people in Kentucky and states to the south to look out for a respiratory illness that is spreading in the region.

The disease is inter-seasonal respiratory syncytial virus. RSV cases have been reported in Kentucky, Tennessee, Arkansas, Oklahoma, New Mexico, Texas, Louisiana, Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Mississippi and the Carolinas.

"Infants, young children, and older adults with chronic medical conditions are at risk of severe disease from RSV infection," the CDC said in an [official health advisory](#) Thursday. "Each year in the United States, RSV leads to on average approximately 58,000 hospitalizations with 100 to 500 deaths among children younger than 5 years old and 177,000 hospitalizations with 14,000 deaths among adults aged 65 years or older."

RSV was suppressed last winter, due to precautions taken to thwart the coronavirus, so "older infants and toddlers might now be at increased risk of severe RSV-associated illness since they have likely not had typical levels of exposure to RSV during the past 15 months," [the CDC warns](#). "In infants younger than six months, RSV infection may result in symptoms of irritability, poor feeding, lethargy, and/or apnea with or without fever."

Older children may have runny nose and decreased appetite, followed by cough, often followed by sneezing, fever, and sometimes wheezing, CDC says. Symptoms in adults are much like those caused by common cold viruses, and there is no specific treatment other than [management of symptoms](#).

CDC calls 'emergency meeting' on vaccine heart inflammation cases

(UPI) The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has called an emergency meeting June 19 to discuss heart inflammation following [COVID-19](#) vaccination. The pending discussion comes after the number of heart inflammation cases analyzed by CDC researchers was found to have exceeded expectations.

The CDC identified 226 patients suffering from myocarditis and pericarditis -- both of which are known to be caused by viral infections -- subsequent to being vaccinated.

Of those, the CDC reported 15 are currently hospitalized, three are in intensive care and 41 had ongoing symptoms. Reports of heart inflammation were among vaccinated first reported by Israel and the Department of Defense earlier this year.

Read more: https://www.upi.com/Top_News/US/2021/06/11/covid-19-vaccine-Centers-for-Disease-Control/1201623425184/

Axios Coronavirus – The Big Picture!

Full report: <https://www.axios.com/health/coronavirus/>

Related story - EU adds another rare blood condition as side effect of AstraZeneca shot

Reuter's story: <https://www.reuters.com/business/healthcare-pharmaceuticals/eu-advises-against-astrazeneca-shot-people-with-rare-blood-condition-2021-06-11/>

It has been a rough summer so far....

How US cities are preparing for a potentially bloody summer of gun violence

CNN story: <https://www.cnn.com/2021/06/09/us/us-gun-violence-murders-summer-crime/index.html>

Paducah community reacts to five shootings in one week

Learn more: https://www.wpsdlocal6.com/news/paducah-community-reacts-to-five-shootings-in-one-week/article_622cb312-cb2a-11eb-8329-776cd9b1d802.html

At Least 14 Injured After Overnight Shooting in Austin, TX; Police Seek Suspects

Read more: <https://www.kut.org/crime-justice/2021-06-12/13-hospitalized-after-overnight-shooting-on-sixth-street-austin-police-seek-suspect>

Five shot in Dallas, including 4-year-old girl

Learn more: <https://www.cnn.com/2021/06/12/us/dallas-shooting/index.html>

Savannah shooting: 1 killed, at least 8 others wounded in shooting Friday night

See more: <https://www.cnn.com/2021/06/11/us/savannah-shooting-friday/index.html>

CBS 60-Minutes Focuses on AR-15 Rifles and “*Stop the Bleed*”

(CBS) Ballistics tests show how lethal a wound from an AR-15 style rifle can be. Now there's a campaign to teach civilians how to be first responders in mass shootings.

This week on 60 Minutes, [correspondent Scott Pelley](#) reports on what the weapon does to the human body, why it's different from the wounds created by a handgun—[injury from an AR-15 style rifle round is potentially lethal](#).

Watch the story and read more: <https://www.cbsnews.com/news/learning-how-to-stop-the-bleed-after-a-mass-shooting-60-minutes-2021-06-13/>

'People are so burned out': US essential workers struggle as restrictions lifted

(Guardian) Workers who were deemed essential during the coronavirus pandemic and publicly praised for continuing to work in-person are now fighting for permanent improvements to working conditions, wages and benefits as safety protections are lifted and they still grapple with the impact of working through the long crisis.

Millions of essential workers contracted Covid-19 while working through the pandemic. Thousands [died](#) as a result or lost co-workers, friends and family members to the virus. Many who caught the virus still [experience](#) long-term symptoms and Covid-19 [cases and deaths](#) are still a concern in many areas of the US. This is especially true in low-income, predominantly [Black](#) and [Latino](#) communities where vaccination rates have been [lagging](#) despite these communities being [hit hardest](#) by the virus.

Now, as Covid-19 restrictions have lifted across swaths of America and the economy has come back to life, many essential workers are still fearful for their safety and angry at their working conditions.

Full story: https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2021/jun/13/us-essential-workers-burned-out-pandemic?CMP=oth_b-aplnews_d-1

Youth suicide attempts soared during pandemic, New CDC report says

(WAVE/WKYT) A grim new report suggests that suspected suicide attempts among adolescents increased during the pandemic, following an initial drop. [CDC researchers examined](#) hospital data for suspected suicide attempts from Jan. 1, 2019, through May 15 of this year.

Kids aged 12 to 25 made fewer visits to the ER for suspected attempts between March 29 through April 25 of last year when compared to the same time period in 2019. But, hospital visits began to increase by early May of last year, among those between the ages of 12 and 17, especially girls.

The average weekly number was 26 percent higher among girls last summer when compared to 2019, and it was nearly 51 percent higher this year when compared to the same time period two years ago. The CDC says the rate also increased for boys age 12 to 17 by 3 percent.

Full story: <https://www.wkyt.com/app/2021/06/13/youth-suicide-attempts-soared-during-pandemic-cdc-report-says/>

Another Tech Security Alert

Apple iPhones Can Soon Hold Your ID. Privacy Experts Are On Edge

Read why you may want to think twice before doing this:

<https://www.npr.org/2021/06/12/1005624457/apple-iphones-can-soon-hold-your-id-privacy-experts-are-on-edge>

How Bitcoin Has Fueled Ransomware Attacks

Learn more: <https://www.npr.org/2021/06/10/1004874311/how-bitcoin-has-fueled-ransomware-attacks>

NPR: Now It's McDonald's Turn. A Data Breach Hits The Chain In Asia

See AP story: <https://www.npr.org/2021/06/11/1005570791/now-its-mcdonalds-turn-a-data-breach-hits-the-chain-in-asia>

TSA says over 2 million passengers screened at airports Friday

According to the agency, it's the first time over 2 million people were screened since March of last year.

Full story: <https://www.whas11.com/article/news/nation-world/tsa-over-2-million-passengers-airports-friday/507-654a1b86-6eed-4204-9d0d-756e082f8ab1>

**NBC Halts Production on Ultimate Slip 'N Slide
amid Report of 'Explosive Diarrhea' Outbreak on Set**

(People) At least one *Ultimate Slip 'N Slide* crew member tested positive for giardia — a microscopic parasite that, when swallowed, causes diarrheal disease. Giardia can be found ["on surfaces or in soil, food, or water that has been contaminated with feces from infected people or animals."](#) according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Story link: <https://people.com/tv/nbc-halts-production-on-ultimate-slip-n-slide-amid-report-of-explosive-diarrhea-outbreak-on-set/>

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