



# Kentucky COVID-19 Updates & Resources

As of 11/19/2020

## MARCH 2020

- 3/6/2020 Governor Beshear signed an [Executive Order declaring a state of emergency](#).
- [Strategies to Prevent the Spread of COVID-19 in LTCF](#).
- 3/11/2020 [LTC Visitation Restriction](#).
- 3/13/2020 [Recommended the temporary closure of senior centers](#) to help halt the spread of the virus for those most vulnerable.
- 3/20/2020 [Businesses that have stepped up to donate N95 masks](#): Toyota (1,827 masks), Gray Construction (50 masks), AE Electrical Solutions (40 masks). Plumbers and pipefitters also donated respirators.
- 3/25/2020 [Entered new orders to allow for more telehealth options](#) in Kentucky than ever before.
- 3/30/2020 [Clarification on telehealth](#) KY regulations.
- 3/31/2020 [Issued an executive order](#) easing restrictions on nurses who live out of state and making it quicker to obtain a license.

## MAY 2020

- 5/5/2020 Governor Beshear announced that the state will begin an [aggressive program to test patients and staff](#) in long-term care facilities.
- 5/18/2020 Kentucky's [Toolkit](#) for Comprehensive Surveillance Testing In Nursing Facilities and CCRC's.
- 5/20/2020 Governor Beshear announced a \$300 million award to city and county governments as part of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act, which established the Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF) to reimburse local governments for expenses incurred in response to the public health emergency caused by COVID-19.

## JULY 2020

- 7/23/2020 [Provide Guidance: Surveillance COVID-19 Testing for LTC Facilities](#)

## APRIL 2020

- 4/4/2020 Gov. Beshear said Kentucky voluntarily adopting [new guidance from CDC](#) recommending that people wear cloth masks in some situations.
- 4/10/2020 [Convened a new task force](#) aimed at addressing concerns in Kentucky's long-term care facilities, where residents and staffers are at elevated risk to coronavirus outbreaks. The 10-member board is made of professionals representing a range of specialties and perspectives.
- 4/23/2020 Announced that Monday, April 27, the state will begin the gradual restart and reopening of Phase 1 health care services and facilities, but operating vastly different than before the outbreak of COVID-19. Click [here](#) for detailed guidance.

## JUNE 2020

- [KY COVID-19 Drive-Thru Locations](#).
- 6/5/2020 [Signed an executive order](#) that extends previous orders allowing pharmacists to dispense 30-day refills. This order will be in effect until July 7.
- 6/13/2020 Governor Beshear Provides [Update on COVID-19](#).
- Kentucky-Specific COVID-19 [Frequently Asked Questions page](#).
- 6/25/2020 [Provider Guidance: Phased Reduction of Restrictions for Long Term Care Facilities](#)

## OCTOBER 2020

- 10/26/2020 New [LTC visitation recommendations for red zone counties](#). A list of the red counties can be found [here](#).

## NOVEMBER 2020

- 11/4/2020 The Governor issued an [executive order](#) to renew the state's face coverings mandate for another 30 days.
- Effective 11/20/2020–12/13/2020 [Executive Order 2020-968](#) highlights new requirements including social gatherings. Face coverings should continue.