Gov. Beshear Provides Guidance on Public Events, Schools, Prison Response to COVID-19

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Gov. Beshear urges cooperation to protect Kentuckians, stop spread of COVID-19

FRANKFORT, Ky. (March 11, 2020) – Governor Andy Beshear announced more decisive action and preparations on Wednesday to stop the spread of the coronavirus disease

“We know this is community spread and we need to get ahead of it,” Gov. Beshear said. “It is important for everybody out there to be calm, practice good hygiene and reduce th

Actions and preparations announced by Gov. Beshear on Wednesday include:

- Instructed school districts to be prepared to close on short notice, as short as 72 hours.
- Closed all state prisons (https://chfs.ky.gov/agencies/dph/covid19/guidanceforcorrectionalfacilities.pdf) to visitors.
- Encouraged every individual in Kentucky, in particular those over 60 and those with chronic medical conditions, to do what they can to avoid large gatherings and minimi
- Cancelled the Governor’s Prayer Breakfast out of an abundance of caution.
- Asked places of worship to cancel services temporarily due to the proximity .
- Suspended out-of-state travel for state employees.
- Urged more businesses to allow employees to tele-commute and to provide paid sick leave.
- Asked people to spread out in meeting and work spaces by increasing distance between seats and taking other similar actions.

Gov. Beshear said the actions and directions are proactive to prevent the spread and to protect Kentuckians, particularly those at higher risk, including those over 60 or with ch

“These steps we recommend are not made lightly,” said Dr. Steven Stack, commissioner for the Kentucky Department for Public Health (DPH). “Please work with us to make th

Gov. Beshear, who faithfully attends church with his family, said he knows asking houses of worship to cancel services is a big step and some people will disagree, but he and activities and close interaction, and because many attendees are members of high-risk populations.

“I believe God gives us wisdom to protect each other and we should do that. I believe that it is our job to offer those protections,” Gov. Beshear said.

The Governor has briefed state lawmakers and all 120 county judges. He will also update jailers and school superintendents.

“Every action Gov. Beshear and his cabinet secretaries have taken is because we care deeply about the health and welfare of our people,” said Justice and Public Safety Cabi

Eight people in Kentucky have tested positive including five in Harrison County, two from Fayette and one from Jefferson. There are connections between the five Harrison Cou

In Kentucky, the state has received results for 54 cases with 46 of those being negative. Eighteen of the 20 results received Tuesday were negative.

Gov. Beshear, Dr. Stack, Secretary Noble and Eric Friedlander, acting secretary of the Cabinet for Health and Family Services, briefed Kentuckians at the Capitol on Wednesda

Beginning weeks before the virus was found in the Commonwealth, state and local officials collaborated to prepare for COVID-19 and are now working together to respond.

Gov. Beshear has taken decisive action to prepare and respond to COVID-19. Friday, immediately after confirmation of the first case, Gov. Beshear declared a state of emerge resource available to respond. Saturday, he issued an executive order to prohibit price gouging (https://governor.ky.gov/attachments/20200307_Executive-Order_2020-216.pdf Order_2020-220.pdf) to waive copays, deductibles, cost-sharing and diagnostic testing fees for private insurance and state employees. The Governor is also telling providers to

Tuesday, Gov. Beshear announced strong actions to protect the state’s most vulnerable populations (https://chfs.ky.gov/agencies/dph/Documents/coronavirusCOVID19guidanc facilities. Gov. Beshear also signed an executive order (https://governor.ky.gov/attachments/20200320_Executive-Order_2020-224.pdf) to allow pharmacies to refill prescriptior prescriptions. His action will also allow, if necessary, pharmacies to operate at locations other than those designated on their permits to make sure people have access to nece

The State Health Operations Center is activated at level one – fully activated – and the State Emergency Operations Center is also activated.

More information
The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention encourages people to follow these steps to prevent illness (https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/about/prevention.html treatment.html). People can find regular updates and resources including more information about when to seek medical attention and course of action for those in counties with 3A__lnks.gd_l_eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDAsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMDAyMjcuMTc4OTA2ODEiLCJ1cmwiOiJod 2DI&d=DwMFAA&c=jvUANN7rYqzaQJvTqI-69lgi41yDEZ3CXTgIEaHlx7c&r=KHF5rLuGCRbKZFUzUGnLNWaa8D6wB-5jgAuZINFQzXM&m=tAjjZBQpoE8zg9_2EEt_u-A8qhJn cdc.gov/coronavirus (https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html) for up-to-date information. Kentuckians who want advice can call the state hotline at 1.800.722.57

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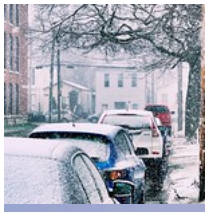
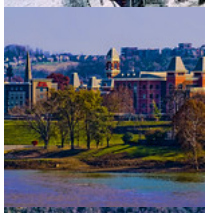
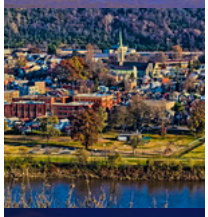
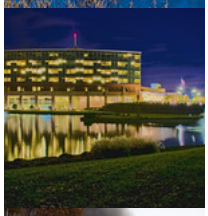
-  (https://www.flickr.com/photos/7372926@N06/47218320672/in/pool-773339@N20)
-  (https://www.flickr.com/photos/miamiboy/47184596121/in/pool-773339@N20)
-  (https://www.flickr.com/photos/miamiboy/47184413071/in/pool-773339@N20)
-  (https://www.flickr.com/photos/miamiboy/32275086277/in/pool-773339@N20)
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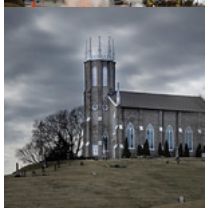
-  (https://www.flickr.com/photos/127721144@N05/46918072332/in/pool-773339@N20)

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