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Beshear won't make school recommendation after Sept. 28. How KY districts will decide.

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K-12 Mode of Instruction Guidance





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COVID-19 Mode of Instruction Metrics for K-12 Education
Interim Guidance

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This document provides state recommendations to assist school officials in determining the mode of instruction (in-person, virtual, or hybrid) in Kentucky schools during the 2019-2020 academic year. These recommendations are designed to reduce the spread of COVID-19 in schools while maintaining access to high-quality education and healthcare resources. These recommendations are subject to change as circumstances dictate. For more information, contact your county health department or the Kentucky Department of Education (KDE) at (502) 562-4000.

The following priorities are addressed in these decisions based upon community incidence rate of the county (as a mobility and mixing metric). Specific mitigation measures are described for the different levels of disease present within a county. When a county reaches the red priority level at any time, schools are advised to return to remote learning. The following table provides a summary of the priority levels and the account metrics used to set the priority level.

- Importance of in-person education for the social emotional, and academic growth and well-being of students
- Number of active long-term care facilities and nursing homes
- Mortality rate among elderly and adults
- Active COVID-19 cases per 100,000 people
- Active COVID-19 cases per capita
- Active COVID-19 cases per capita

Definitions:

- **Green:** Counties in the state that are in-service or remote learning.
- **Yellow:** Counties in the state that have been in remote learning with heightened mitigation factors or remote learning.
- **Orange:** Counties in the state that have been in remote learning with heightened mitigation factors or remote learning.
- **Red:** In remote learning can occur, in the event a county reaches red status, they should transition to remote learning.

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GRID BELOW IN EFFECT IF STATE POSITIVITY RATE IS > 6%

GREEN	YELLOW	ORANGE	RED
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<p>Minimal Health Conditions for Social Distancing, Mask Use, Handwashing, and Ventilation</p> <p>• No COVID-19 cases per 100,000 PEOPLE Daily, Y</p> <p>In Person or Remote Learning</p>	<p>Encourage small adult cohorts in classrooms for in-person instruction to reduce transmission</p> <p>• Limit three adults per classroom or other group setting</p> <p>• Encourage small adult cohorts in classrooms for in-person instruction to reduce transmission</p> <p>• Limit three adults per classroom or other group setting</p>	<p>Encourage small adult cohorts in classrooms for in-person instruction to reduce transmission</p> <p>• Limit three adults per classroom or other group setting</p> <p>• Encourage small adult cohorts in classrooms for in-person instruction to reduce transmission</p> <p>• Limit three adults per classroom or other group setting</p>	<p>Ensure highest level of hand hygiene, respiratory, mask use, handwashing, and ventilation are pre-conditioned</p> <p>• No COVID-19 cases per 100,000 PEOPLE Daily, Y</p> <p>In Person or Remote Learning</p>
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Dr. Steven Stack, Kentucky's public health commissioner, outlined the new guidance for K-12 schools in Kentucky to follow for levels of COVID-19 percentages by county. BY GOVERNOR ANDY BESHEAR



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Gov. Andy Beshear said Monday he would not make another recommendation after Sept. 28 about whether Kentucky schools should resume in-person or virtual instruction because a new state system will help local administrators make that decision.

"There is going to be guidance from public health ...to help decision making based on how prevalent the virus is in the community," Beshear said at a daily news conference.

He said schools will now make week-by-week decisions based on prevalence and what public health officials believe is the right course.

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Kentucky Department for Public Health Commissioner Steven Stack said an emergency regulation was filed Monday creating a COVID-19 case reporting structure for K-12 public and private schools so the public can have data.

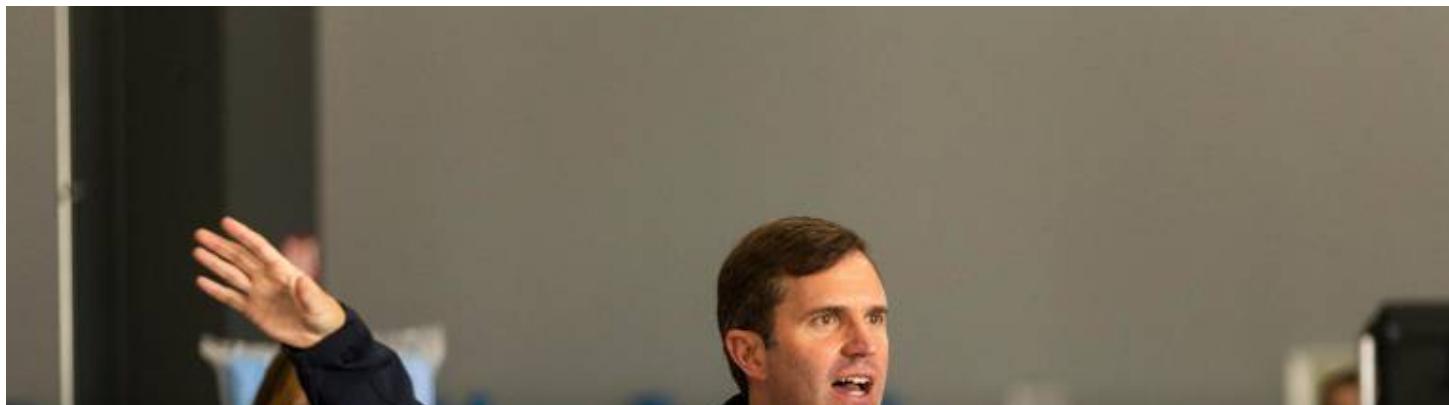
Parents and guardians will be required to report to their school within 24 hours if their child tests positive for COVID-19. The school will design a reporting process. The schools will have to report every day that classes are in session the number of new cases among students and staff and the number of students and staff quarantined as a result of exposure to COVID-19 through school activities.

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If the overall state test positivity rate is less than 6 percent, school officials will look at a color-coded map to make decisions on in-person classes. The colors range from green to red, with green allowing in-person instruction and the color red meaning schools and districts should consider virtual learning only.

After Beshear said he would not make recommendations after Sept. 28, Stack clarified that if the positivity rate soared to ten percent and hospitals ran out of beds “then we’re going to come back, we are going to step in and we are going to give different guidance.”



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reopen until the new semester begins in January. In counties with fewer than 25 cases per 100,000 people, elementary schools will be able to reopen Dec. 7.

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The first reporting date is Sept. 28, the date [Beshear has recommended schools wait](#) before resuming in-person instruction.

The information from schools will be included in a new online dashboard that includes state, county, district and school information.

The state will now have two reports that will help parents, teachers and administrators make decisions in real time, Beshear said.

The current K-12 public school health report will also continue to be published and while its information may ultimately be more accurate, its data might be delayed, Stack said.

Local school decision makers will be asked to check weekly the test positivity rate and the incidence rate map that shows how common the disease is in the ~~community -- the number of new cases per day per 100 000 persons living in that~~

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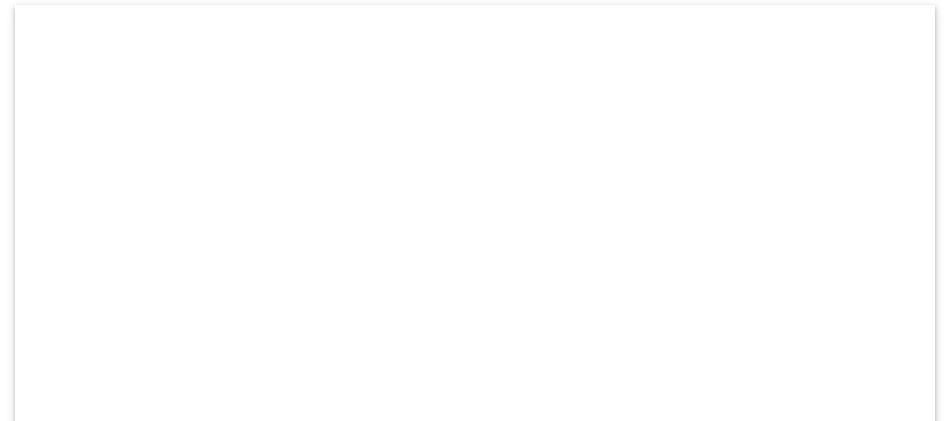
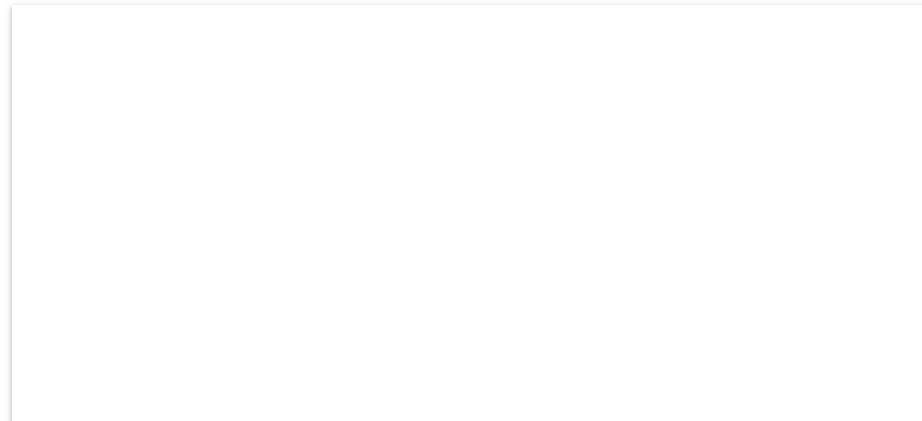
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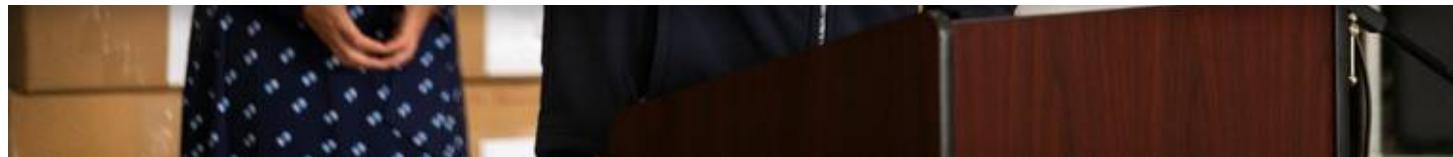
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Gov. Andy Beshear speaks during a press conference held to announce a donation of 2 million masks from the Ford Motor Company to help build up the state's stock of Personal Protective Equipment in Frankfort, Ky., Monday, September 14, 2020. SILAS WALKER
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Christian school and AG Daniel Cameron file suit over Beshear's order closing Ky. schools

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Danville Christian Academy and Kentucky Attorney General Daniel Cameron have filed a federal lawsuit against Gov. Andy Beshear, arguing that his order closing Kentucky's schools, including private religious

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