

VACCINE NEWS: WEEKLY REVIEW

THIS WEEK'S PROGRESS

- On March 8, Gov. Andy Beshear announced 834,130 Kentuckians – 25% of Kentucky adults – have now received at least one dose of one of three highly effective COVID-19 vaccines.
- Also on March 8, Dr. Steven Stack, commissioner of the Kentucky Department for Public Health (KDPH), updated Kentuckians on [new guidance](#) for fully vaccinated individuals from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).
- On March 9, Gov. Beshear said a record 127,110 Kentuckians were vaccinated during the past week, breaking the previous record of 112,428 vaccinations the week before.
- On March 10, Gov. Beshear met with local officials and visited the state's regional vaccination site in Ashland, which was launched in partnership with King's Daughters Medical Center. At the time of the Governor's [visit](#), King's Daughters Health System had administered more than 42,000 COVID-19 vaccine doses. The Ashland regional vaccination site at Bellefonte Pavilion had vaccinated more than 1,300 Kentuckians.

NEXT WEEK'S GOALS

- As of March 15, phase 1C will expand to include all persons ages 16 or older with any medical or behavioral health condition or conditions that the CDC reports 'are' or 'might be' at increased risk of severe COVID-19 illness. Dr. Stack noted that smoking is not among the covered conditions in Kentucky. Also, vaccination sites should continue to prioritize people 60 and older, and all sites are still urged to use at least 90% of all vaccine doses within seven days of arrival.
- Adam Mather, inspector general for the Cabinet for Health and Family Services, provided new information about visitation at nursing homes. Mather said beginning Monday, March 15, these facilities will ease restrictions that have been in place for nearly a year, affecting all visitors and non-essential health care personnel.

THINGS TO KNOW

- The Governor said, "Almost daily I've stepped up to the podium to bring you the facts firsthand. Now, I step up each day to say how much closer we are to defeating this virus because of your actions. We've done this together, Kentucky. Let's keep it up."
- Kentucky's COVID-19 vaccine website, vaccine.ky.gov, shows Kentuckians which phase they are in specifically. Individuals can sign up for notifications so state officials can communicate with them when doses become available at new and existing sites.
- The state's COVID-19 vaccine hotline, 855-598-2246 or TTY 855-326-4654 (for deaf or hard-of-hearing Kentuckians), has the same features as the website. The hotline is available 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. EST Monday through Friday.
- Kentuckians can find free or reduced-cost transportation services near them by heading to kycovid19.ky.gov for a full list of participating public transit agencies and their phone numbers. Or, call the COVID-19 vaccine hotline.



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