Special Superintendents’ Webcast

Aug. 25, 2020
Agenda

KDE Communications Updates
*Toni Konz Tatman, KDE Interim Director of Communications*

KDE Student Advisory Council Update
Trevin Bevins, junior (Pike County); Caleb Bates, senior (Breathitt County); Anastasia Panaretos, sophomore (Oldham County); Anna Williams, senior, (Anderson County)

COVID-19 Updates with the Kentucky Department for Public Health
*Dr. Connie White, Deputy Commissioner; and Emily Messerli, DNP, APRN, FNP-C, Immunization Branch Manager*

Question and Answer Session
*KDE Leadership Team and Invited Guests*
KDE Communications Updates

• Coverings for Kids update
• Tune in for important announcement at 4 p.m. ET from Lt. Gov. Coleman on access to high-speed internet and a plan to reduce the monthly cost for low-income parents to pay for internet access for their K-12 child.
• FAQs for Kentucky’s Schools and Districts – More than 900 questions answered since March

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KDE Interim Director of Communications,
Office of the Commissioner
KDE Student Advisory Council Update

• **Trevin Bevins**, junior, Shelby Valley High School (Pike County)
• **Caleb Bates**, senior, Breathitt County High School
• **Anastasia Panaretos**, sophomore, South Oldham County High School
• **Anna Williams**, senior, Anderson County

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*KDE Interim Director of Communications,*

*Office of the Commissioner*
Initially announced by First Lady Britainy Beshear during the Aug. 4 Superintendents’ Webcast; later shared at Gov. Beshear’s press conference.

As of today, 72 local school districts (100% of those responding so far) have appointed coordinators and will begin collecting face coverings and masks!

Districts have received outreach packet, including language, graphics, drafted social media posts and emails for promotion.

Districts will decide the ultimate use of the masks.
Kentucky Department of Education – Main Webpage

Coronavirus (COVID-19) Information

Learn what precautions you can take about the coronavirus.

Call the KY Department for Public Health's COVID-19 hotline at (800) 722-5725 or visit its COVID-19 webpage.

More information also is available on KDE's COVID-19 webpage.
In response to the COVID-19 crisis, KDE has been committed to providing guidance and solutions that focus on educating and feeding our children and providing support to our districts.

Since May 15, we have been releasing weekly guidance documents to all of our superintendents and districts regarding reopening schools for the 2020-2021 year.

We also created this “KDE Reopening Guidance” tab on our COVID-19 website, where you can find all of the guidance and our weekly Special Superintendents’ Webcasts, which we have been holding since March.
To Date: KDE COVID-19 Guidance Issued for Reopening of Schools

May 15: Initial Guidance for Districts and Schools
May 26: Supporting Student and Staff Wellness
June 1: Academic Re-entry, Stage One: Drafting an Adjusted Curriculum
June 1: Evaluating Students’ Academic Readiness
June 8: Alternative Learning Design Strategies
June 15: Intermittent School Closures
June 22: Food Service Operations - USDA School Meal Programs
June 24: (With Kentucky DPH) Safety Expectations and Best Practices Guidelines for Kentucky Schools (K-12)
June 25: Pupil Transportation
To Date: KDE COVID-19 Guidance Issued for Reopening of Schools

June 29:
• **Facilities and Logistics**
• **Plan for Reopening Secondary Career and Technical Education (CTE) Facilities for Completion of Industry Certifications and Lab-Based Dual Credit Coursework**

July 6:
• **Workplace Health and Safety**

July 13:
• **Academic Re-entry, Stage Two: Meeting Learners’ Academic Needs**

July 20:
• **Exceptional Learners and Preschool Students**
• **Compensatory Education and Extended School Year Services**
• **Daily Participation and Non-Traditional Instruction**
To Date: KDE COVID-19 Guidance Issued for Reopening of Schools

**July 24:**
- **Flexibility for Assigning Staff in the COVID-19 Instructional Settings**

**July 27:**
- **Food Service Operations – Waivers for USDA School Meal Programs**

**Aug. 10:**
- **Library Media Center**
- **Class Sizes in Virtual Programs and Courses**

**Aug. 17:**
- **Welcoming Students for Orientation and Targeted Services**
- **2020-2021 Participation Tracking in Infinite Campus**
COVID-19: Answers to FAQs for Kentucky’s Schools and Districts
(Last updated Aug. 20. More than 900 questions answered.)

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<th>Q</th>
<th>What question(s) do you have about COVID-19? How can we help you?</th>
<th>KDE staff response</th>
<th>Available link for districts to use?</th>
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<td>If district is choosing a split in-person/virtual week and a parent of a student with special needs requests in-person attendance all 5 days stating it is their LRE, how do we handle this?</td>
<td>Please contact Veronica Sullivan at <a href="mailto:veronica.sullivan@education.ky.gov">veronica.sullivan@education.ky.gov</a> or Sylvia Stankay at <a href="mailto:sylvia.stankay@education.ky.gov">sylvia.stankay@education.ky.gov</a> in the Office of Special Education and Early Learning to discuss the specific situation.</td>
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<td>Incoming kindergarten students are assessed using BRIGANCE at the start of each school year. Since several districts are beginning school either virtually or with a hybrid model, will this be waived for the 2020-21 school year?</td>
<td>Virtual administration of assessments within the BRIGANCE Screens III is not recommended at this time. The procedure for administering the Screens III does not easily lend itself to videoconferencing technology and, therefore, Curriculum Associates has not validated administration of the BRIGANCE Kindergarten screen (the K screen) through a virtual approach. At its August 2020 meeting, the Kentucky Board of Education will consider a waiver to expand the timeframe of testing and reporting. The board will also discuss giving the Commissioner of Education the authority to exempt schools from screening students who may not attend school in person.</td>
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<td>Must school-based preschool programs follow childcare guidelines and maintain a class size of 10?</td>
<td>KDE recommends using the room capacity calculator to determine the class size. A link is adjacent.</td>
<td><a href="https://education.ky.gov/comm/Documents/RoomCapacityCalculator.xlsx">https://education.ky.gov/comm/Documents/RoomCapacityCalculator.xlsx</a></td>
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<td>What precautions should schools take if a student has a medical waiver from the mask requirement and is in a classroom with medically fragile students? Who can attend school in that classroom?</td>
<td>Students should not be excluded from school if they do not or cannot wear masks, but extra precautions should be taken when medically fragile students are involved. In this situation, districts must be vigilant about everyone else following the guidelines.</td>
<td><a href="https://education.ky.gov/comm/Documents/SafetyExpectations_FINAL.pdf">https://education.ky.gov/comm/Documents/SafetyExpectations_FINAL.pdf</a></td>
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Kentucky COVID-19 New Cases by Week (n = 43,899)

Date Cases Announced

*Reporting incomplete for current week

Last Updated August 24, 2020
New Confirmed COVID-19 Cases per Day

Note: All of your highlighted data is in the bottom third of the graph. You can get a zoomed-in view of the graph by setting Y-Axis to "Scale to Highlight".

Highlight: Germany  
Show: Top 25 by Data  
Data: New Cases, 1 Wk. Avg.  
Scale: Log

Germany – Day 55
2,053 confirmed cases on February 2020-04-25 (113 days ago and 55 days after reaching 100 confirmed cases)
2,142.7 average confirmed cases/day over the past 7 days
New Confirmed COVID-19 Cases per Day

France – Day 56
1,537 confirmed cases on Sunday, 2020-04-20 (112 days ago and 56 days after reaching 100 confirmed cases)
1,756.1 average confirmed cases/day over the past 7 days

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Highlight: France
Data: New Cases, 1 Wk. Avg.
Scale: Linear
Show: Top 25 by Data
X-Axis: Days since threshold (left aligned)
Y-Axis: All Highlight & All Current

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7-Day Average Daily Incidence Rate By County

Overall Kentucky Level: Accelerated Spread – 10.90 daily cases per 100,000 population

8/24/2020
Distribution of Age by Kentucky Population, COVID-19 Cases, and COVID-19 Deaths

- **0-19 years old**
  - KY Population: 25.2%
  - KY COVID-19 Cases: 13.4%
  - KY COVID-19 Deaths: 0.1%

- **20-39 years old**
  - KY Population: 35.1%
  - KY COVID-19 Cases: 26.2%
  - KY COVID-19 Deaths: 0.7%

- **40-49 years old**
  - KY Population: 15.0%
  - KY COVID-19 Cases: 12.4%
  - KY COVID-19 Deaths: 2.3%

- **50-59 years old**
  - KY Population: 14.2%
  - KY COVID-19 Cases: 13.4%
  - KY COVID-19 Deaths: 6.6%

- **60-69 years old**
  - KY Population: 16.6%
  - KY COVID-19 Cases: 12.0%
  - KY COVID-19 Deaths: 10.6%

- **70-79 years old**
  - KY Population: 24.3%
  - KY COVID-19 Cases: 6.5%
  - KY COVID-19 Deaths: 7.2%

- **80+ years old**
  - KY Population: 48.9%
  - KY COVID-19 Cases: 5.2%
  - KY COVID-19 Deaths: 3.7%

34 COVID-19 cases with missing/unknown age (<0.1%)
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- 70-79 years old: 7.2% KY Population, 6.5% KY COVID-19 Cases, 6.5% KY COVID-19 Deaths
- 80+ years old: 5.2% KY Population, 48.7% KY COVID-19 Deaths

32 COVID-19 cases with missing/unknown age (<0.1%)

Updated August 22, 2020
District or School-Specific Protocols

**GREEN** Minimal Community Transmission
FOR RARE CASE - 80 HIT 120 TOTAL PEOPLE
Continue best h all h practices to prVent me spread of disease.
- Engage com mu nity to act by participate in con inued mitigation.

**ORANGE** Heightened Community Transmission
FOR RARE CASES - 1100 HIT 1500 PEOPLE
- Local county education leaders work with county health departments to determine if in increased mitigation measures such as:
  - Required masks or grades 3 and above.
  - In congregant and school settings where social distancing is limited.
  - Increased hand washing and hygiene protocols.
  - Increased student cohorting.
  - Limiting activities where social distancing is not possible.

**RED** School Re-entry Metrics
- Local health departments may implement aggressive mitigation measures in schools and in community health.
- Required mask grades 3 and above.
- Increased community engagement to prevent escalation of disease.
- All ticketed events a he bond e.g. dramatics, plays, etc. are suspended.
- Local health departments and a school related activities until yellow level is maintained on a seven-day rolling basis.

For more information, visit wvdoh.gov/greenmetrics

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COVID-19 Updates with the Kentucky Department for Public Health (Healthy at School)

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#HealthyAtSchool
## Healthy at School

### Safety Expectations

*Strategies that *must* be implemented by schools.*

- School health policies
- Cloth face coverings, PPE
- Screening for all students and staff (temperature checks)
  - School exclusion
  - Sanitization and environmental factors
  - Social distancing
  - Contact tracing

### Best Practices

*Additional strategies that schools *may choose* to follow.*

- Physical barriers
- Discontinuing attendance-dependent rewards
  - Meals served in classrooms
  - Flexible sick leave policies
- Designated Healthy at School officer
  - Training for staff
QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS