

March 18, 2020

Taylor Mill Residents,

City Administrator Brian Haney and I, along with city representatives from across the state participated in a conference call with Gov. Beshear to discuss the COVID-19 situation.

Gov. Beshear said the state is working diligently to expand COVID-19 testing throughout the state, and Kentucky has applied for federal aid to ensure we have all the resources we need at every level. This morning I signed an executive order to fully execute the Kenton County Emergency Operations Plan in the City of Taylor Mill, which enables us to coordinate emergency response efforts with other local agencies to assist each other during this time.

Please know that everyone at the city of Taylor Mill- our Police, Fire, EMS, Public Works, Commission, and the entire administration is working hard to ensure the public health and safety of everyone in our community.

During this difficult time, it is of the utmost importance we are following the directives from the governor and the CDC.

Thank you, Mayor Dan Bell



Updates State of Kentucky

The state's COVID-19 website is updated daily and now has a map showing counties where individuals have been tested for the virus and confirmed cases. Call the COVID-19 Hotline (800) 722-5725 with your questions concerning the virus.

New Filing Guidelines for State Unemployment Benefits

Carry-Out Only at Kentucky Bars & Restaurants Effective 5p.m. Monday, March 16, 2020

Gov. Beshear has ordered the state's bars and restaurant dining rooms to close in response to the coronavirus pandemic. Carryout and delivery of food orders can be continued.

Effective 5 p.m. Wednesday Entertainment and recreational facilities, community centers, gyms and exercise facilities, hair salons, nail salons, spas, concert venues, theaters, and sporting event facilities must close to the public.

Kentucky Gov. Andy Beshear has been streaming his daily press conferences on the virus live on his Facebook page. You can tune in @GovAndyBeshear

Northern Kentucky Health Department

NKY Health Changes Services to Promote Social Distancing

In an effort to promote social distancing, and reduce the spread of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19), NKY Health is making changes to some of their services. Changes include modifying services so that they can be conducted virtually or over the phone but also includes temporarily suspending some services.

Individuals with symptoms associated with COVID-19, including a fever above 100.4°, cough or difficulty breathing, are to stay home. People should call first to discuss their needs. The Northern Kentucky Health Department does not provide COVID-19 testing.

The following health department services will be available at county health centers:

- Tuberculosis (TB) treatment
- Sexually Transmitted Infections (STI) testing and treatment
- Women's health/family planning (for existing patients)
- Women, Infants and Children (WIC) services (virtual/by phone only)
- Breastfeeding support services (virtual/by phone only)

Syringe Access Exchange Program services will continue at this time. HIV Case Management services will continue, but only virtually and by phone.

The following health department services have been suspended until further notice:

- School-based and adult dental services
- Health fairs and other community events
- In-person classes, including food safety certification and bloodborne, pathogens, supermarket tours, support groups, and community presentations

Read more here

General questions about available services should be directed to 859-341-4264, or your nearest health center. For more information about COVID-19 in Northern Kentucky, please visit https://nkyhealth.org/individual-or-family/health-alerts/coronavirus/ and follow @nkyhealth on Facebook and Twitter.

St. Elizabeth Healthcare Visitor Restrictions Amid the Coronavirus/COVID-19 Outbreak

St. Elizabeth Healthcare has activated new visitor restrictions to protect the health, of our patients, associates, physicians, and community.

Effective at 3 p.m. Tuesday, March 17, 2020, we are restricting visitors to all St. Elizabeth Healthcare hospitals. NO VISITORS will be admitted into any clinical setting, unless:

- 1. A single designated partner or primary caretaker for mothers delivering babies. (No visitors under age 14, which includes siblings of a newborn.)
- 2. End-of-life situations.
 - Patients are limited to one visitor at a time.
 - No visitors under age 14.
- Visitors are not permitted to see patients if they exhibit any respiratory illness symptoms (coughing, sneezing, runny nose, fever, etc.)
 - Visitors are not permitted if they have traveled internationally within the past 14 days.
- 3. A single individual is responsible for transporting a patient coming for a procedure or being discharged from the hospital.

In addition, individuals coming to one of our ambulatory outpatient centers or physician offices will be restricted to a single visitor responsible for transportation, or visitors at the discretion of the healthcare provider.

Kentucky Transportation Cabinet District 6

All KYTC Department of Highways offices will be closed to the public until further notice. This includes facilities like district offices, section offices, maintenance facilities, and warehouses. You may still reach us by phone or email. Visit <u>transportation.ky.gov</u> for updates.

Kenton County Government

March 18: Update to Kenton County Government Center Service

The Governor has closed driver's license offices. There will be a 90-day extension for all KY Driver's licenses that are set to expire. All driver testing has been canceled.

For more information visit <u>www.drive.ky.gov</u> or <u>www.drivekenton.org.</u>

You can also call: (859) 292-6579 Visit our website at https://bit.ly/21018WX for options for all services.

Primary Election Rescheduled

The May 19, 2020, Kentucky Primary Election has been rescheduled to June 23, 2020, by Kentucky Secretary of State Michael Adams.

Important update on Mail-In Absentee Voting from Kenton County Clerk's Office

With the current COVID-19 situation, we are encouraging all voters who qualify for a mail-in absentee ballot to take advantage of that option.

Kenton County registered voters can request an absentee application <u>here</u>

There is also a video on the website showing how to fill out and process the absentee ballot. If you have questions? Call the Voter Registration office at 859-392-1620.

Kenton County Government Offices Closed to the Public

Due to the growing public health impacts of the COVID-19 (Coronavirus), the Independence Courthouse (5272 Madison Pike, Independence, KY) and the Kenton County Government Center (1840 Simon Kenton Way, Covington, KY) will be closed to the public effective immediately.

There are other options available for services available at these locations. Visit https://bit.ly/2IOI8WX for more information.

Several Kenton County Fiscal Court departments are also experiencing a change in office availability. Visit https://bit.ly/39Wd2ap for more information.

Christ Hospital Opens COVID-19 Testing Sites Across Cincinnati

The Christ Hospital is opening multiple test sites throughout the Cincinnati Region. These sites will collect nasal samples and send them to labs to test for the COVID-19 virus.

The first site opened in Mason on Monday, March 16. A second site located outside of the Joint & Spine Center at The Christ Hospital's main campus in Mt. Auburn will open at 11 a.m. THURSDAY, MARCH 19. Future sites have also been identified-contingent on supplies.

If you are experiencing flu-like symptoms such as a fever, cough, shortness of breath or other respiratory symptoms, please stay home and call your primary healthcare provider. That provider will evaluate you over the phone and decide whether you need to be evaluated and/or tested. If the provider deems a test is necessary, you will be given the next steps to go to the testing site.

Details about our Mason site:

If an individual has a test order from a healthcare provider, they will be asked to stay in their vehicle and call the facility upon arrival. Approximate wait time will be communicated, and the individual will stay in their vehicle during that wait. Once their turn has come, they will receive a phone call asking them to enter the facility. They will promptly be given a mask and taken back to have a sample collected. At that point, the individual will be able to return to their vehicle and go home.

Details about our Mt. Auburn site (Important: not open until Thursday, March 19): 2139 Auburn Ave. Cincinnati, OH | Hours of operation: 11 a.m. – 9 p.m. beginning THURSDAY, MARCH 19

The Mt. Auburn test collection site will operate as a drive-up site. Individuals will not need an order from a healthcare provider to be seen at this site and can remain in their vehicle the entire time. Upon arrival, they will be screened for symptoms by a medical professional and, if appropriate, will have a sample collected for testing. Individuals who do not have symptoms will not be tested to ensure the preservation of critical, limited testing supplies. We ask that individuals please do not come to this site if they are not experiencing flu-like symptoms.

These sites are for sample collection purposes only and will not administer the actual test for COVID-19. Once samples are collected, they will be sent to labs where results can take several days to return. Individuals will be contacted about the results of the test by the provider who ordered the test.

Taylor Mill City Updates

Due to the growing public health impacts of the COVID-19, the city of Taylor Mill is limiting public access to the city building. We ask that you please call us first at 859.581.3234 to see if we can provide the necessary information over the phone.

The City of Taylor Mill Easter Egg Hunt on April 4 is canceled.

Taylor Mill Police & Fire Department Updates Message from Taylor Mill Fire/EMS Department Chief John Stager

I wanted to take a moment to reassure you that the men and women of the Taylor Mill Fire and EMS Department are still on duty 24/7 to protect the citizens in our response area. We have changed how we are responding to certain emergencies, in order to protect us and you.

- If we are dispatched for someone that could potentially be ill, we will be attempting to get as much information as possible using the "Doorway" approach. This means we will attempt, if possible, to use the 6ft "social distancing" to assess the scene/situation before committing our personnel to come into your residence/business.
- We will first ask you to put on a surgical mask and we could potentially be wearing a mask, protective eyewear, and a gown.
- Regardless of the situation, we will not delay treatment if someone is in distress.

If you call 911, you will be asked some questions by the dispatcher and that dispatcher will relay that information to us.

Again, this will NOT delay our treatment. Know that Taylor Mill Fire and EMS Department will be responding to all emergencies in the cities as we always have.

Message from Taylor Mill Police Chief Steve Knauf

You can rest assured the dedicated officers of the Taylor Mill Police Department will be patrolling our city streets and protecting our citizens during these difficult times.

The police department lobby is closed to the public until further notice. If you need a copy of a report, please call (859) 581-1192. We will make arrangements to mail or email your report.





COVID-19 GUIDANCE

FROM GOVERNOR BESHEAR

Please visit

kycovid19.ky.gov

for the latest updates
 on COVID-19 in

Kentucky or call the
 Kentucky state
 hotline at

1-800-722-5725







Wash hands, for at least 20 seconds, as frequently as possible.



Community gatherings should be cancelled, postponed, or done virtually. Meetings, even small ones, should be done virtually.



Every business should institute paid sick leave.



Every business should allow remote work for every employee who can work from home. If they absolutely cannot work from home, people should stay at least six feet apart from

one another at all times.



Cancel non-essential travel. Stay at home as much as possible.



Follow the "when to seek" care instructions available at kycovid19.ky.gov.



COVID-19 HEALTH TIPS

When To Seek Care

To ensure the sickest people receive care, help minimize the spread of infection and maintain resources, please follow the guidelines below when considering whether to seek medical care.

Stay home

If you are worried-well, please stay

Going to a hospital or doctor's office adds to a higher concentration of people and further overwhelms medical staff.

Call for advice

If you are **ill**, **but would not have sought care** if not for COVID-19, do not seek care at an ER, hospital or doctor's office.

If you want advice, **call the Kentucky state hotline (1-800-722-5725)** or **call** your **local healthcare provider**.

Seek care

If you are sick and feel you have an emergency, please call your doctor or seek medical care.

Hospitals and medical staff across the commonwealth stand ready to serve you.



Please visit kycovid19.ky.gov for the latest updates on COVID-19 in Kentucky or call the Kentucky state hotline at 1-800-722-5725





Unemployment Insurance Daily Claims by Last Name

In order to serve you better, UI claims will be filed on a specific day of the week based on the first letter of your last name.

This Week

Wednesday, March 18A-I
Thursday, March 19J-R
Friday, March 20S-Z
Friday, March 20If You Missed Your Day







COVID-19

COVID-19 is a new respiratory virus that has the potential cause severe illness to pneumonia in some people

How is it spread?



Through the air by coughing and sneezing



Close personal contact, such as touching or shaking hands



Touching an object or surface with the virus on it, then touching your mouth. nose, or eyes

What is the risk?



Current risk to the general public is low



There is currently NO vaccine available



PEOPLE SHOULD NOT BE EXCLUDED FROM ACTIVITIES BASED ON THEIR RACE OR COUNTRY OF ORIGIN.

What are the symptoms?

Illnesses can be mild, or in some cases be severe enough to require hospitalization. Symptoms of this respiratory illness primarily include:



Fever



Cough



Shortness of Breath



Symptoms 2-14 days after

exposure

How is it prevented?

Similar to prevention of other respiratory illnesses, including the flu:

- · Wash hands often
- · Avoid touching eyes, nose, or mouth with unwashed hands
- · Avoid contact with sick people
- Stay home while you are sick; avoid others
- may show up Cover mouth/nose with a tissue or sleeve when coughing or sneezing







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