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COVID-19 DATA UPDATE

Although many people in the Barren River District have been vaccinated, the majority of the population remains unvaccinated. COVID-19 vaccines are safe and effective at preventing severe illness and death. Vaccination also reduces the risk of people spreading the virus. The COVID-19 vaccine teaches your body how to fight off the virus in case you become infected. If you are vaccinated and you do catch the virus, you are much less likely to be hospitalized. *Percentages of total vaccinated population decrease caused by data errors being corrected in the state system.

	Total Vaccinated Population		
County			
Barren	50.76%		
Butler	47.81%		
Edmonson	37.63%		
Hart	39.35%		
Logan	56.66%		
Metcalfe	43.94%		
Simpson	56.38%		
Warren	43.68%		

We strongly encourage everyone who is eligible to get the vaccine do so as soon as possible. The COVID-19 vaccine is available at multiple locations in the area. To find a vaccine near you, visit <u>https://www.vaccines.gov/search/</u>. If you are 18 years of age or older and would like schedule vaccination with the Barren River District Health Department, <u>call your local health department and press option 1</u>. Clinic contact information is listed at the end of the press release.

The Barren River District Health Department has confirmed a total of 171 new cases and 85,858 total cases. We have 1,003 deaths reported from COVID-19. We stand in solidarity with those affected during these difficult times. See the breakdown of numbers by county below. Please note that a decrease in numbers is due to the county of residence or case status being corrected/updated from what was previously reported.

County	Deaths	Total Cases	New Cases
Barren	206	13,155	39
Butler	49	4,030	6
Edmonson	39	2,676	11
Hart	97	5,453	13
Logan	119	8,436	14
Metcalfe	60	2,835	8
Simpson	87	5,759	9
Warren	346	43,513	70
Total	1003	85,858	171



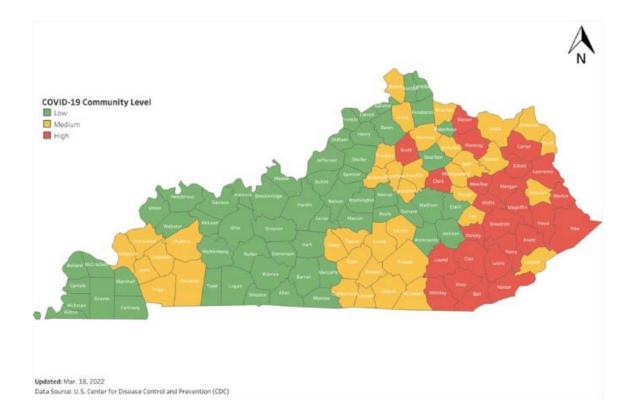
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Since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Barren River District Health Department (BRDHD), has coordinated local guidance with recommendations from the Kentucky Department for Public Health (KDPH) and the Centers for Disease and Control (CDC). As the CDC transitions to the new "COVID-19 Community Level" model that uses the number of new COVID-19 cases in each county, percent of hospital capacity devoted to COVID-19 patients, and the number of new patients with CIVUD-19 admitted to the hospital each week, BRDHD will be using this tool to help district residents be informed of the impact of COVID-19 in their communities. BRDHD will be utilizing the Community Level COVID-19 Guidance created by KDPH to align with the CDC's community level model. This guidance provides Kentuckians with actions to take related to their local level of community burden. BRDHD will continue to monitor COVID-19 data and provide weekly update on the BRDHD website, www.barrenriverhealth.org. For more information on the new tool provided by the CDC, please visit https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/your-health/covid-by-county.html.





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	LOW	MEDIUM	HIGH
Vaccination	Stay up to date with vaccinations	Stay up to date with vaccinations	Stay up to date with vaccinations
Mask use	Mask based on individual preference, informed by individual risk	Consider universal mask use in indoor congregate settings	Wear well-fitting masks in all indoor public settings including K-12 schools
	Targeted mask use in schools and other indoor settings following exposures	Targeted mask use in schools and other indoor settings following exposures	
Isolation &	Stay home when sick	Stay home when sick	Stay home when sick
Quarantine	Follow isolation & quarantine guidance, including getting tested if exposed or have symptoms of COVID-19	Follow isolation & quarantine guidance, including getting tested if exposed or have symptoms of COVID-19	Follow isolation & quarantine guidance, including getting tested if exposed or have symptoms of COVID-19
Physical distancing			Limit indoor in-person gatherings and reduce size of gatherings. Encourage physical distancing.
High risk persons		Consider wearing well-fitted mask in all indoor public settings	Consider avoiding non-essential indoor public activities
	Talk to healthcare provider about preventative treatments	Talk to healthcare provider about preventative treatments	Talk to healthcare provider about preventative treatments

Warren County Health Department

Phone: 270-781-2490 Hours: Monday-Friday 8 AM-4:30 PM

Barren County Health Department

Phone: 270-651-8321 Hours: Monday-Friday 8 AM-4:30 PM

Butler County Health Department

Phone: 270-526-3221 Hours: Monday-Friday 8 AM-4:30 PM

Edmonson County Health Department

Phone: 270-597-2194 Hours: Monday-Friday 8 AM-4:30 PM

Hart County Health Department Phone: 270-524-2511 Hours: Monday-Friday 8 AM-4:30 PM

Logan County Health Department Phone: 270-726-8341 Hours: Monday-Friday 8 AM-4:30 PM

Metcalfe County Health Department Phone: 270-432-3214 Hours: Monday-Friday 8 AM-4:30 PM

Simpson County Health Department Phone: 270-586-8261 Hours: Monday-Friday 8 AM-4:30 PM

For more information on COVID-19 in Kentucky, visit <u>https://govstatus.egov.com/kycovid19.</u>

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