CRISIS MANAGEMENT FOR COVID-19 Phase 17 (Week 20): Congressional Update, Legal Update, & Back to School Clarity

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INTRODUCTIONS





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Updates from Washington



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Questions & Answers





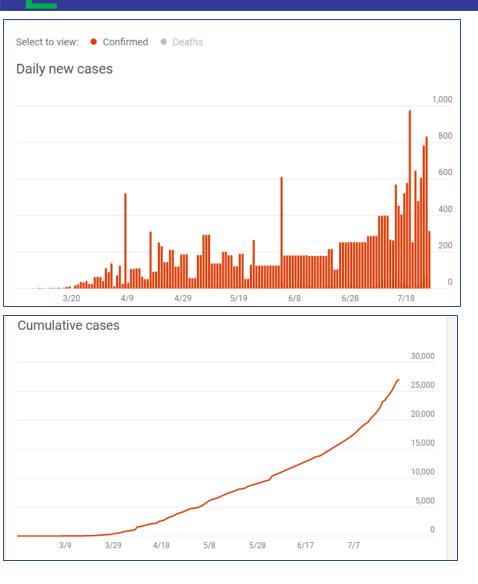
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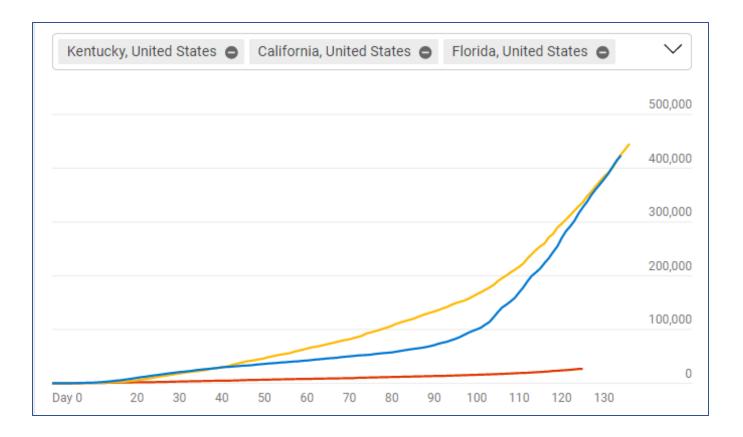


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COVID-19 By The Numbers

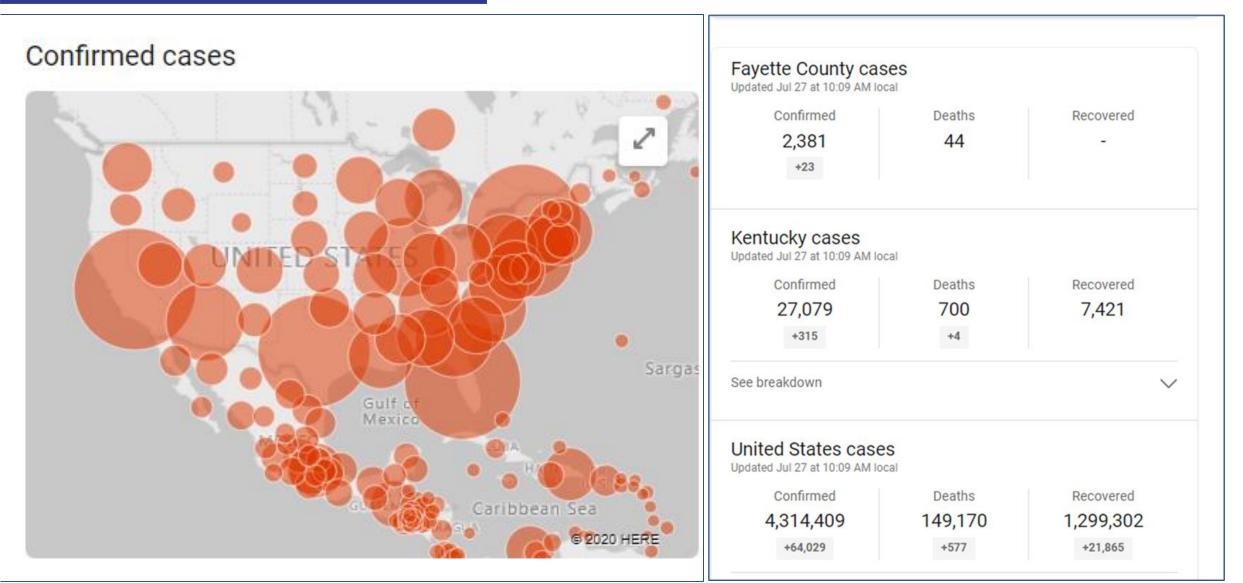
Kentucky's COVID-19 Daily New Cases & Trends





COVID-19 By The Numbers

As of July 27, 2020, the following are the up-to-date figures for Fayette Co., Kentucky, and United States





Two Proposed Legislative Aid Packages

We previously referenced the House Bill containing \$3,000,000,000 (\$3T) in aid in May

- The Bill was "DOA" in the Senate
- Senate-supported \$1T bill was to be announced last Friday but a straw poll failed, causing delay Rumors of inclusion:
- 1. Continuation of Unemployment Payments (70% of actual income/around \$400/week)
- 2. Inclusion of incentive pay for employees to return to work (\$\$\$ added to Paycheck)
- 3. \$1,200 Stimulus Checks (duplicating previous payments); *just announced new* **\$\$\$**
- 4. Back to School Financial Assistance
- 5. COVID-19 Testing Assistance

Additional areas included potential elimination of Payroll Taxes (employer and employee); additionally, there may be a Phase 4.5 prior to Phase 5 to continue UI benefits during debate



Senate Proposed Legislative Aid Packages

We previously discussed serious concerns regarding liability. Senate Bill protects Employers:

- Business Immunity for adhering to Guidelines
- Labor & Employment Protections for adherence to Guidelines
- Federalizing Personal Injury Claims
- Requiring Gross Negligence/Willful Misconduct for liability
- Sunset provision over extended period to cover ongoing claims (black lung type issue)

Finance

- PPP Round 2
- Extending Unemployment; Enhancing funding to return to work
- Stimulus Package for individuals
- Small Business Assistance in numerous "buckets"



New CDC Guidelines on Quarantine Isolation

On July 26, 2020, the CDC issued new "guidelines" for Quarantine and Illness Recovery:

- According to the CDC, those who have tested positive can be with others after:
 - 1. At least 10 days since symptoms first appeared and
 - 2. At least 24 hours with no fever without fever-reducing medication and
 - 3. Symptoms have improved
- If you continue to have no symptoms, you can be with others after:
 - 10 days have passed since the date you had your positive test
- The CDC has advised that these are "guidelines" MD may require extended isolation
- The impact upon businesses will be substantial:
- Ten days or 14? What to do if someone travels to "hot spot"? Negative test result, but physician note "recommends" isolation"?

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Back to School "Clarity" for Employers



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Large-Scale School Decisions Have Been Announced:

- Fayette County: "NTI-2DL" Non-Traditional Instruction Differentiated Distance Learning starting August 24, 2020, additional info to be provided after 7/27/2020 Board Meeting
- Jefferson County: NTI starting August 25, 2020, for a six week period
- Covington County: Starting 9/1, two days per week, 1 day "planning; 1/2 in school, 1/2 at home
- Scott County: "Option" of at home or in-school, starting August 26, 2020
- Warren County: "Option" of at home or in-school, starting August 24, 2020

All schools providing an "option" or traditional learning adopted the Healthy at School Directive provided by the Governor's Office

• temperature checks; masks (except K-1); Social Distancing

Kentucky's "Healthy at School"

Employer Decisions for School-Based Decisions

- Fayette County/Jefferson County (Mandatory Distance Learning):
 - Because this is mandatory distance learning, Employers must allow FFCRA/Sick Leave
- Covington County (Mandatory Partial Distance, Partial In-Person):
 - Because this is a <u>mandatory</u> split in-person and distance learning, Employers must allow employees to utilize intermittent FFCRA/Sick Leave to properly care for children since schools are "not available" on the every-other day
- Scott County/Warren County (Option Learning):
 - As we discussed last week, because the schools are offering an "option" to parents, any
 parent selecting the "at home" option would <u>not</u> qualify for FFCRA/Sick Leave because
 they have voluntarily selected NTI, and the school is, in fact, available
- Any Employer faced with employees facing these issues needs to discuss potential issues with their employees so that there are no surprises. Employees need to be careful!

Questions & Answers

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