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SUMMARY

- Kentucky is in the red zone for cases, indicating 101 or more new cases per 100,000 population, with the 22nd highest rate in the country. Kentucky is in the red zone for test positivity, indicating a rate at or above 10.1%, with the 22nd highest rate in the country.
- Kentucky has seen stability in new cases and a decrease in test positivity.
- The following three counties had the highest number of new cases over the last 3 weeks: 1. Jefferson County, 2. Fayette County, and 3. Kenton County. These counties represent 29.3% of new cases in Kentucky.
- 97% of all counties in Kentucky have moderate or high levels of community transmission (yellow, orange, or red zones), with 78% having high levels of community transmission (red zone).
- During the week of Nov 30 Dec 6, 42% of nursing homes had at least one new resident COVID-19 case, 65% had at least one new staff COVID-19 case, and 24% had at least one new resident COVID-19 death.
- Kentucky had 513 new cases per 100,000 population, compared to a national average of 451 per 100,000.
- The federal government has supported surge testing in Louisville, KY and Lexington, KY.
- Between Dec 5 Dec 11, on average, 423 patients with confirmed COVID-19 and 115 patients with suspected COVID-19 were reported as newly admitted each day to hospitals in Kentucky. This is a minimal change in total new COVID-19 hospital admissions.
- Hospitals are reporting critical staffing shortages, but the state is managing.

RECOMMENDATIONS

<u>Treatment Alerts:</u> <u>Early diagnosis and treatment is essential</u> for those at risk for adverse outcomes.

- For non or prior to hospitalized of individuals with mild-moderate COVID-19 but who are at high risk of severe outcomes: EDA EUA Monoclonal antibodies (bamlanivimab and casirivimab+imdevimab): early use may be associated with reduced hospitalization and improved outcomes. Monoclonal antibodies have not been shown to be of benefit, and may be harmful, in late-stage patients, esp. those requiring high-flow oxygen or assisted ventilation.
- Patients who require hospitalization: FDA approved Remdesivir: best early in admission. The benefit is most evident in those who require supplemental oxygen (but not delivered through high-flow device or mechanical ventilation). Anticoagulation: given in accordance with protocols for routine prophylaxis of VTE in hospitalized patients.
- For late-stage inpatients: <u>Dexamethasone</u> 6mg (or glucocorticoid equivalent if dexamethasone is not available: Prednisone 40 mg, Methylprednisolone 32 mg, Hydrocortisone 160 mg dosed appropriately). Dexamethasone 6 mg daily (or glucocorticoid equivalent) for up to 10 days is recommended in patients with severe COVID-19 who require oxygen support, especially ventilation. There was no observed benefit of dexamethasone in patients who did not require oxygen support.

Testing Alerts: Please utilize all antigen tests during this current surge to find community asymptomatic spread. Ag tests, especially BINAX, may be in storage or at LTCF and unused; these are essential for testing now. The silent community spread that precedes and continues to drive these surges can only be identified and interrupted through proactive focused testing for both the identification of asymptomatic and pre-symptomatic individuals. Proactive weekly testing of groups representative of the community (teachers, community college students, county workers, staff in crowded or congregate settings, hospital personnel, large private sector employers) will help identify the depth and breadth of community infection. These cases should be triangulated with cases among LTCF staff to identify geographic areas with high numbers of asymptomatic and pre-symptomatic cases, which should then trigger widespread testing, identification, and isolation of positive cases among community members, stopping ongoing spread. Efforts to identify and reduce asymptomatic transmission should run concurrently with testing of symptomatic persons and contact tracing of cases.

Pandemic Alerts: Stabilization in the Northern Plains, Upper Midwest, and some Rocky Mountain and Heartland states is being offset by significant deterioration in more populous states (82% of the population); please see national maps. This current fall to winter surge continues to spread to every corner of the US, from small towns to large cities and from farms to beach communities. The fall surge is merging with the post-Thanksgiving surge to create a winter surge with the most rapid increase in cases; the widest spread, with more than 2,000 counties in COVID red zones; and the longest duration, now entering the 9th week, we have experienced.

- Despite the severity of this surge and the threat to the hospital systems, many state and local governments are not implementing the same mitigation policies
 that stemmed the tide of the summer surge. Many Americans continue to gather indoors, creating private spreading events outside of public spaces.
 Mitigation efforts must increase, including key state and local policies; increase physical distancing through significant reduction in capacity or closure in
 public and private indoor spaces, including restaurants and bars. Focus on uniform behavioral change including masking, physical distancing, hand hygiene,
 no indoor gatherings outside of the immediate households, and ensuring every American understands the clear risks of ANY family or friend interactions
 outside of their immediate household indoors without masks.
- Ensure comprehensive analysis of next tier priority of vaccinations; understand immunization of individuals over 65 will have the greatest impact on hospitalizations and deaths. For those over 70 with COVID infection, 20% or more are admitted and nearly 10% die.
- All public health officials must make it clear that if you are over 65 or with significant health conditions, you should not enter any indoor public spaces where
 anyone is unmasked due to the immediate risk to your health; you should have groceries and medications delivered. If you are under 40, you need to assume
 you became infected if you gathered beyond your immediate household. Most likely, you will not have symptoms; however, you are dangerous to others and
 you must isolate away from anyone at increased risk for severe disease and get tested. If you are over 65 or with significant medical conditions and you
 gathered outside of your immediate household, you are a significant risk for serious COVID infection; if you develop any symptoms, you must be tested
 immediately as the majority of therapeutics work best early in infection. Warn about any gathering during December holidays.
- Virus levels remain high and may be plateauing. Throughout the holiday season, all media platforms should remain saturated with messaging on the risks of indoor social gatherings without masks. Find ways to keep testing levels high through holiday season to remove asymptomatic transmission over the next 4 weeks.
- Conduct active testing in schools for teachers and students where cases are increasing. In accordance with CDC guidelines, masks must be worn by students and teachers in K-12 schools. Universities must have testing plans in place for spring semester, mandatorily testing all students weekly to prevent spread in the community.
- Ensure all nursing homes, assisted living, and elderly care sites have full testing capacity and are isolating positive staff and residents. There continue to be high levels of positive staff members at LTCFs, indicating continued and unmitigated community spread in these geographic locations.
- Specific, detailed guidance on community mitigation measures can be found on the CDC website.

The purpose of this report is to develop a shared understanding of the current status of the pandemic at the national, regional, state and local levels. We recognize that data at the state level may differ from that available at the federal level. Our objective is to use consistent data sources and methods that allow for comparisons to be made across localities. We appreciate your continued support in identifying data discrepancies and improving data completeness and sharing across systems. We look forward to your feedback.





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	STATE	STATE, % CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS WEEK	UNITED STATES	
NEW COVID-19 CASES	22,935	+2%	269,312	1,479,712
(RATE PER 100,000)	(513)		(403)	(451)
VIRAL (RT-PCR) LAB TEST POSITIVITY RATE	12.9%	-3.5%*	11.7%	11.5%
TOTAL VIRAL (RT-PCR) LAB TESTS	145,112**	+2%**	1,627,814**	10,785,634**
(TESTS PER 100,000)	(3,248**)		(2,433**)	(3,286**)
COVID-19 DEATHS	130	-23%	2,498	16,669
(RATE PER 100,000)	(2.9)		(3.7)	(5.1)
SNFs WITH ≥1 NEW RESIDENT COVID-19 CASE	42%	N/A*†	27%	30%
SNFs WITH ≥1 NEW STAFF COVID-19 CASE	65%	N/A*†	48%	51%
SNFs WITH ≥1 NEW RESIDENT COVID-19 DEATH	24%	N/A*†	11%	14%
TOTAL NEW COVID-19 HOSPITAL	3,768	+3%	29,232	152,311
ADMISSIONS (RATE PER 100 BEDS)	(31)	(+3%)	(19)	(21)
NUMBER OF HOSPITALS WITH SUPPLY SHORTAGES (PERCENT)	3	+0%	163	1,181
	(3%)	(+0%*)	(18%)	(23%)
NUMBER OF HOSPITALS WITH STAFF SHORTAGES (PERCENT)	3	-2%	215	1,334
	(3%)	(-40%*)	(23%)	(26%)

^{*} Indicates absolute change in percentage points.

DATA SOURCES – Additional data details available <u>under METHODS</u>

Note: Some dates may have incomplete data due to delays in reporting. Data may be backfilled over time, resulting in week-to-week changes. **Cases and Deaths:** State values are calculated by aggregating county-level data from a CDC managed aggregate county dataset that is compiled from state and local health departments; therefore, the values may not match those reported directly by the state. Data is through 12/11/2020; previous week is 11/28 - 12/4.

Testing: CELR (COVID-19 Electronic Lab Reporting) state health department-reported data through 12/9/2020. Previous week is 11/26 - 12/2. **SNFs:** Skilled nursing facilities. National Healthcare Safety Network. Data are reported separately for cases among residents and staff. Data is through 12/6/2020, previous week is 11/23-11/29. Facilities that are undergoing reporting quality review are not included in the table, but may be included in other NHSN analyses.

Admissions: Unified hospitalization dataset in HHS Protect. These data exclude psychiatric, rehabilitation, and religious non-medical hospitals. Hospitals explicitly identified by states/regions as those from which we should not expect reports were excluded from the totals. Totals include confirmed and suspected COVID-19 admissions.

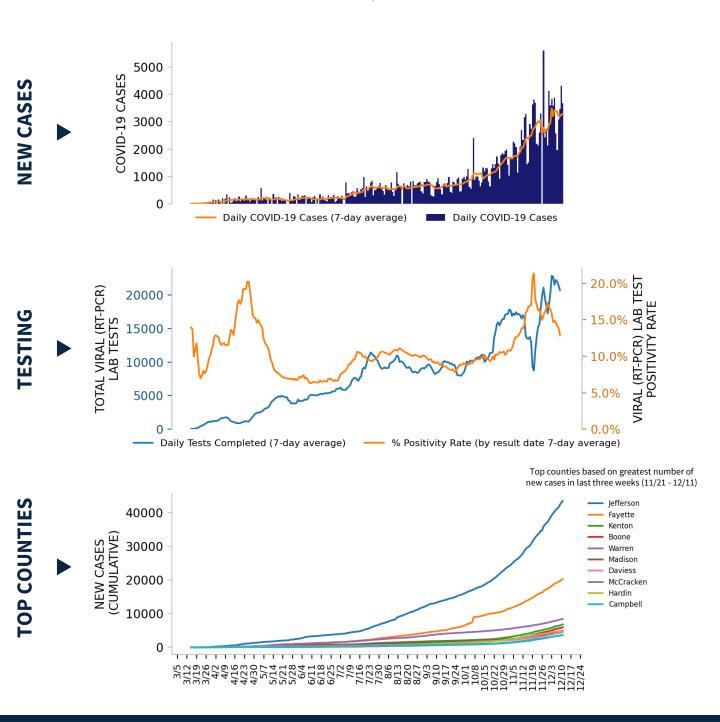
Shortages: Unified hospital dataset in HHS Protect. These data exclude psychiatric, rehabilitation, and religious non-medical hospitals. Includes hospitals reporting a staffing shortage currently or projected within one week. Low supply is defined as a hospital reporting 0 or 1-3 days' supply, not able to obtain, or not able to maintain a 3-day supply of N95s, face masks, gloves, gowns, or eye protection. Values presented show the latest reports from hospitals in the week ending 12/11/2020.

^{**} Due to delayed reporting, this figure may underestimate total diagnostic tests and week-on-week changes in diagnostic tests.

[†] Skilled nursing facility data entry is experiencing a lag due to the Thanksgiving holiday and changes to the questionnaire. Therefore, the most current week's data should not be compared to previous data.



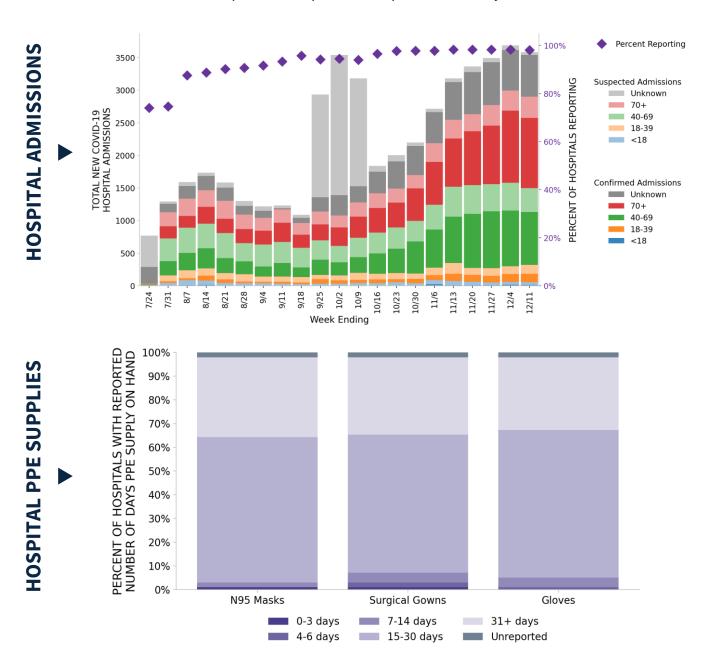
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98 hospitals are expected to report in Kentucky



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Hospitalizations: Unified hospitalization dataset in HHS Protect. These data exclude psychiatric, rehabilitation, and religious non-medical hospitals. Hospitals explicitly identified by states/regions as those from which we should not expect reports were excluded from the percent reporting figure.

PPE: Unified hospitalization dataset in HHS Protect. These data exclude psychiatric, rehabilitation, and religious non-medical hospitals. Values presented show the latest reports from hospitals in the week ending 12/9/2020.



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COVID-19 COUNTY AND METRO ALERTS*

Top 12 shown in table (full lists below)

METRO AREA (CBSA)

COUNTIES

LOCALITIES IN RED ZONE	21 • (+0)	Louisville/Jefferson County Lexington-Fayette Cincinnati Bowling Green Huntington-Ashland London Elizabethtown-Fort Knox Paducah Owensboro Richmond-Berea Danville Clarksville	94 ▲ (+10)	Jefferson Fayette Kenton Boone Warren Madison Daviess McCracken Hardin Campbell Boyd Oldham
LOCALITIES IN ORANGE ZONE	2 (+0)	Bardstown Madisonville	15 ▼ (-6)	Whitley Nelson Hopkins Woodford Rowan Caldwell Spencer Grayson McCreary Harrison Estill Todd
LOCALITIES IN YELLOW ZONE	2 (+0)	Somerset Glasgow	7 ▼ (-4)	Pulaski Barren Adair Lewis Breathitt Cumberland Nicholas
	Change from pre	vious week's alerts:	▲ Increase	Stable ▼ Decrease

All Red CBSAs: Louisville/Jefferson County, Lexington-Fayette, Cincinnati, Bowling Green, Huntington-Ashland, London, Elizabethtown-Fort Knox, Paducah, Owensboro, Richmond-Berea, Danville, Clarksville, Frankfort, Mayfield, Campbellsville, Evansville, Mount Sterling, Murray, Maysville, Central City, Middlesborough All Red Counties: Jefferson, Fayette, Kenton, Boone, Warren, Madison, Daviess, McCracken, Hardin, Campbell, Boyd, Oldham, Bullitt, Christian, Greenup, Jessamine, Laurel, Graves, Boyle, Henderson, Pike, Shelby, Calloway, Scott, Franklin, Lincoln, Taylor, Floyd, Perry, Marion, Ohio, Grant, Clark, Hart, Simpson, Montgomery, Mason, Marshall, Carter, Harlan, Mercer, Muhlenberg, Knox, Bell, Johnson, Clay, Logan, Garrard, Washington, Meade, Magoffin, Wayne, Anderson, Pendleton, Rockcastle, Letcher, Russell, Allen, Lee, Fleming, Lawrence, Bourbon, Henry, Larue, Powell, Gallatin, Martin, Leslie, Casey, Butler, Monroe, Clinton, Bath, Elliott, Metcalfe, Livingston, Morgan, Edmonson, Knott, Union, Trigg, Trimble, Carroll, Owen, Webster, McLean, Bracken, Owsley, Hancock, Crittenden, Carlisle, Ballard, Hickman, Robertson

All Orange Counties: Whitley, Nelson, Hopkins, Woodford, Rowan, Caldwell, Spencer, Grayson, McCreary, Harrison, Estill, Todd, Jackson, Breckinridge, Fulton

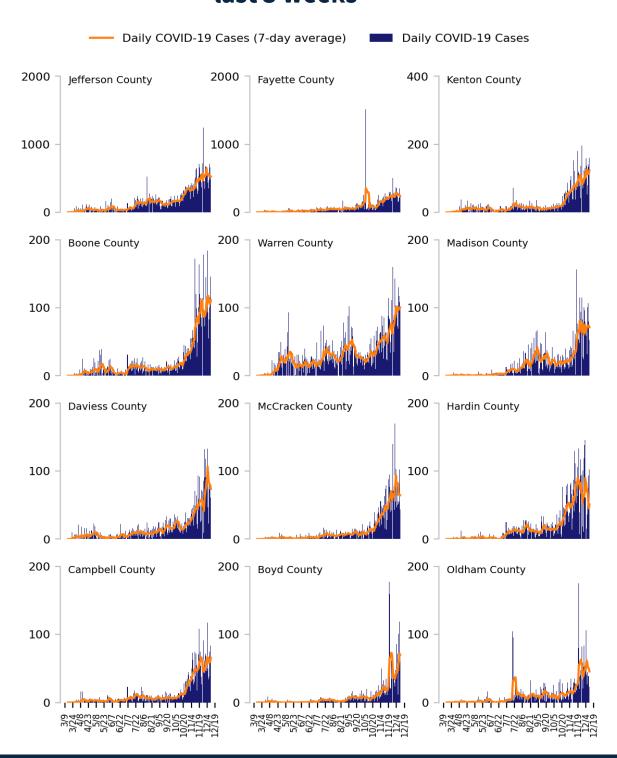
Note: Lists of red, orange, and yellow localities are sorted by the number of new cases in the last 3 weeks, from highest to lowest. Some dates may have incomplete data due to delays in reporting. Data may be backfilled over time, resulting in week-to-week changes. **DATA SOURCES** – Additional data details available under METHODS

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^{*} Localities with fewer than 10 cases last week have been excluded from these alerts.



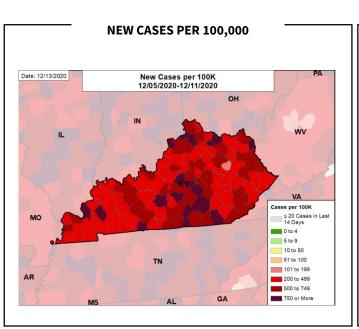
Top 12 counties based on number of new cases in the last 3 weeks

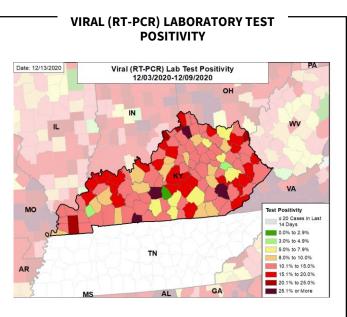


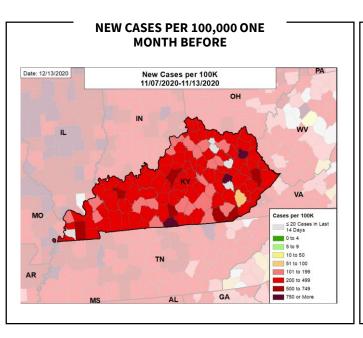


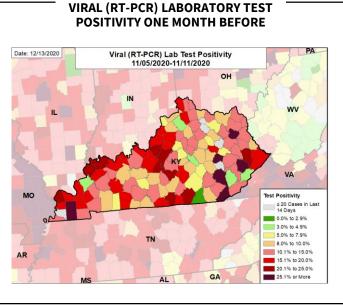
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CASE RATES AND VIRAL LAB TEST POSITIVITY









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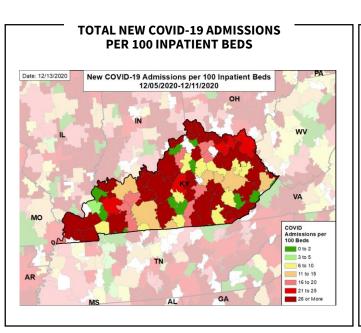
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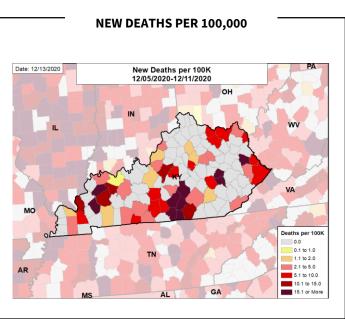
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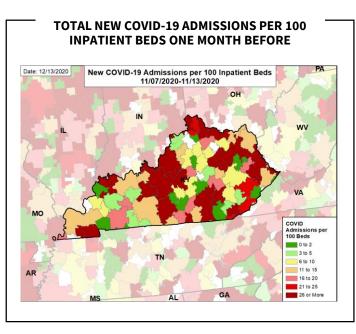


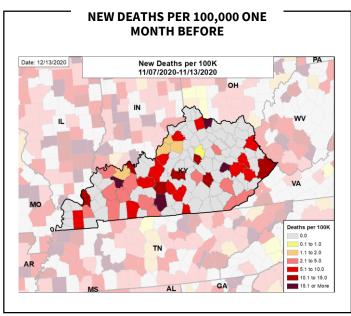
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HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS AND DEATH RATES









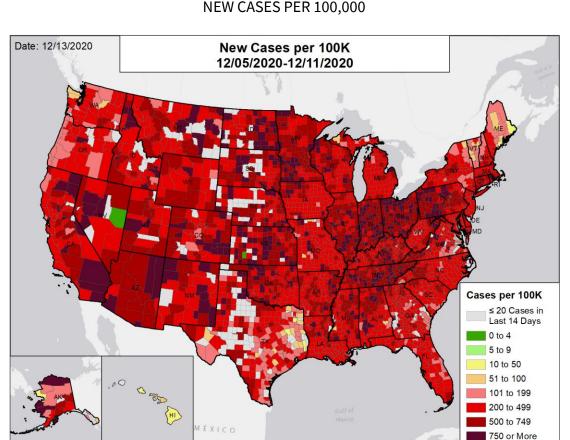
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NATIONAL RANKING OF



National Picture

NEW CASES PER 100,000



Europe is experiencing a fall surge similar to the USA and is showing early signs of improvement through country-specific mitigation efforts.

- 80% (48/60 countries) require wearing masks in all public settings
 - Most countries have imposed fines for non-compliance
- 93% (56/60) have significant restrictions on gathering size
- 63% (38/60) have some form of nonessential business closures, initially focused on bars and reducing restaurant capacity
- 60% (37/60) have some form of entertainment or public space restriction
- 65% (39/60) have deployed a contact tracing app

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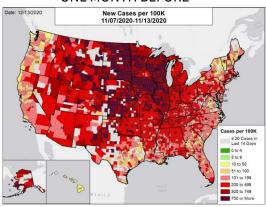
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NEW CASES PER 100,000 IN THE WEEK:

ONE MONTH BEFORE



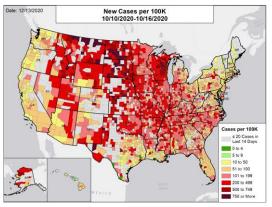
THREE MONTHS BEFORE



FIVE MONTHS BEFORE



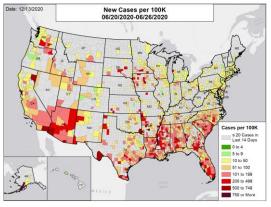
TWO MONTHS BEFORE



FOUR MONTHS BEFORE



SIX MONTHS BEFORE



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VIRAL (RT-PCR) LAB TEST POSITIVITY

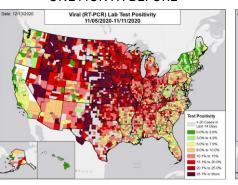
Date: 12/13/2020 Viral (RT-PCR) Lab Test Positivity 12/03/2020-12/09/2020 Test Positivity ≤ 20 Cases in Last 14 Days 0.0% to 2.9% 3.0% to 4.9% 5.0% to 7.9% 8.0% to 10.0% 10.1% to 15% 15.1% to 20.0% 25.1% or More

NATIONAL RANKING OF TEST POSITIVITY

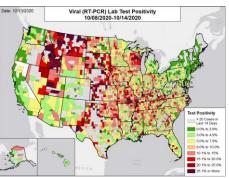
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Rank	State	Rank	State		
1	NV	27	WY		
2	ID	28	WI		
3	OK	29	AR		
4	KS	30	MN		
5	NE	31	NC		
6	МО	32	CO		
7	AL	33	WV		
8	UT	34	FL		
9	AZ	35	CA		
10	MT	36	LA		
11	IN	37	DE		
12	VA	38	RI		
13	MS	39	WA		
14	PA	40	MD		
15	ОН	41	OR		
16	SD	42	AK		
17	NM	43	NY		
18	IA	44	MA		
19	NH	45	ND		
20	SC	46	ME		
21	TX	47	DC		
22	KY	48	VT		
23	MI	49	HI		
24	GA		CT		
25	NJ		TN		
26	IL				

VIRAL (RT-PCR) LAB TEST POSITIVITY IN THE WEEK:

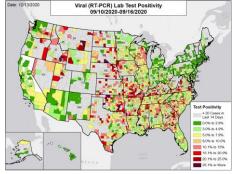
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Testing: Combination of CELR (COVID-19 Electronic Lab Reporting) state health department-reported data and HHS Protect laboratory data (provided directly to Federal Government from public health labs, hospital labs, and commercial labs) through 12/9/2020. The week one month before is 11/5 - 11/11; the week two months before is 10/8 - 10/14; the week three months before is 9/10 - 9/16.



TOTAL NEW COVID-19 ADMISSIONS PER 100 INPATIENT BEDS

Date: 12/13/2020 New COVID-19 Admissions per 100 Inpatient Beds 12/05/2020-12/11/2020 COVID Admissions per 100 Beds □ 0 to 2 □ 3 to 5 □ 6 to 10 □ 11 to 15 □ 16 to 20 □ 21 to 25 □ 26 or More

NATIONAL RANKING OF ADMISSIONS PER 100 BEDS

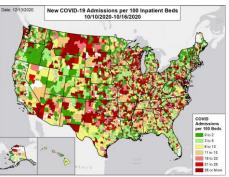
National	National					
Rank	State	Rank	State			
1	AZ	27	СТ			
2	MD	28	MN			
3	AR	29	TN			
4	KY	30	TX			
5	NM	31	SC			
6	PA	32	OR			
7	OK	33	WV			
8	DC	34	NE			
9	NV	35	SD			
10	ОН	36	NH			
11	МО	37	ND			
12	WI	38	NY			
13	CA	39	MA			
14	IL	40	MS			
15	GA	41	ID			
16	IN	42	FL			
17	NJ	43	RI			
18	CO	44	IA			
19	DE	45	UT			
20	KS	46	LA			
21	AL	47	WA			
22	MI	48	ME			
23	MT	49	AK			
24	NC	50	HI			
25	WY	51	VT			
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TOTAL NEW COVID-19 ADMISSIONS PER 100 INPATIENT BEDS IN THE WEEK:

ONE MONTH BEFORE



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THREE MONTHS BEFORE



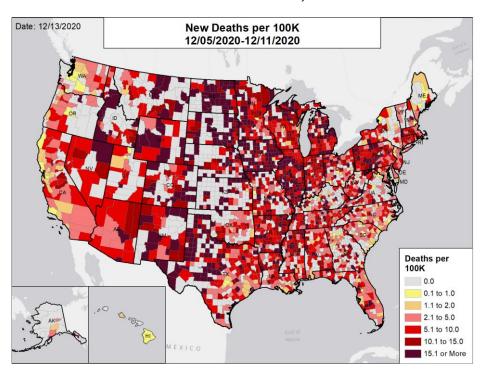
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NEW DEATHS PER 100,000

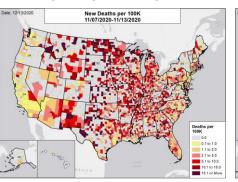


NATIONAL RANKING OF NEW DEATHS PER 100,000

National		National	
Rank	State	State	
1	IA	27	AZ
2	ND	28	LA
3	SD	29	ОН
4	IL	30	NJ
5	KS	31	TX
6	AR	32	MD
7	WY	33	OK
8	RI	34	FL
9	PA	35	OR
10	СО	36	UT
11	NM	37	GA
12	MI	38	KY
13	IN	39	CA
14	NE	40	NH
15	MN	41	NC
16	WV	42	NY
17	MT	43	DE
18	WI	44	VT
19	MS	45	VA
20	NV	46	SC
21	ID	47	ME
22	TN	48	DC
23	СТ	49	AK
24	МО	50	WA
25	AL	51	HI
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NEW DEATHS PER 100,000 IN THE WEEK:

ONE MONTH BEFORE



TWO MONTHS BEFORE



THREE MONTHS BEFORE



DATA SOURCES

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Deaths: State values are calculated by aggregating county-level data from a CDC managed aggregate county dataset that is compiled from state and local health departments; therefore, the values may not match those reported directly by the state.. The week one month before is 11/7 - 11/13; the week two months before is 10/10 - 10/16; the week three months before is 9/12 - 9/18.



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Metric	Dark Green	Light Green	Yellow	Orange	Light Red	Red	Dark Red	Darkest Red
New cases per 100,000 population per week	≤4	5 – 9	10 - 50	51 – 100	101 – 199	200 – 499	500 – 749	≥750
Percent change in new cases per 100,000 population	≤-26%	-25% – -11%	-10% – 0%	1% - 10%	11% - 99%	100% – 999%	≥1000%	
Diagnostic test result positivity rate	≤2.9%	3.0% - 4.9%	5.0% - 7.9%	8.0% - 10.0%	10.1% - 15.0%	15.1% – 20.0%	20.1% – 25.0%	≥25.1%
Change in test positivity	≤-2.1%	-2.0%0.6%	-0.5% - 0.0%	0.1% - 0.5%	0.6% -	- 2.0% ≥2.1%		1%
Total diagnostic tests resulted per 100,000 population per week	≥5000	3001 – 4999	2000 – 2999	1000 – 1999	500 -	0 - 999 ≤499		99
Percent change in tests per 100,000 population	≥26%	11% - 25%	1% - 10%	-10% - 0%	-25% -	11%	≤-26%	
COVID-19 deaths per 100,000 population per week	0.0		0.1 - 1.0	1.1 - 2.0	2.1 - 5.0	5.1 – 10.0	10.1 - 15.0	≥15.1
Percent change in deaths per 100,000 population	≤-26%	-25% – -11%	-10% – 0%	1% - 10%	11% -	- 25%	≥26	5%
Skilled Nursing Facilities with at least one resident COVID-19 case, death	0%		1% - 5%		≥6%			
Change in SNFs with at least one resident COVID-19 case, death	≤-2%		-1% - 1%		≥2%			
Total new COVID-19 hospital admissions per 100 beds	≤2	3 – 5	6 – 10	11 - 15	16 – 20	21 – 25	≥2	26
Change in total new COVID-19 hospital admissions per 100 beds	≤-26%	-25% – -11%	-10% - 0%	1% - 10%	11% -	- 25%	≥26	5%
Percent of hospitals with supply/staff shortages	≤(0%	1% - 9%	10% - 19%	20% – 24%	25% – 29%	≥30)%
Change in percent of hospitals with supply/staff shortages	≤-10%	-9% – -5%	-4% – 0%	1% - 4%	5% -	- 9%	≥10	0%

- Some dates may have incomplete data due to delays and/or differences in state reporting. Data may be backfilled over time, resulting in week-to-week changes. It is critical that states provide as up-to-date data as possible. Figures and values may also differ from state reports due to differing methodologies.
- Color threshold values are rounded before color classification.
- Cases and Deaths: County-level data from CDC managed aggregate county dataset as of 16:14 EST on 12/13/2020. State values are calculated by aggregating county-level data. Data are reviewed on a daily basis against internal and verified external sources and, if needed, adjusted.
- Testing: The data presented represent viral COVID-19 laboratory diagnostic and screening test (reverse transcription polymerase chain reaction, RT-PCR) results—not individual people—and exclude antibody and antigen tests, unless stated otherwise. CELR (COVID-19 Electronic Lab Reporting) state health department-reported data are used to describe county-level viral COVID-19 RT-PCR result totals when information is available on patients' county of residence or healthcare providers' practice location. HHS Protect laboratory data (provided directly to Federal Government from public health labs, hospital labs, and commercial labs) are used otherwise. Because the data are deidentified, total RT-PCR tests are the number of tests performed, not the number of individuals tested. RT-PCR test positivity rate is the number of positive tests divided by the number of tests performed and resulted. Last week data are from 12/3 to 12/9; previous week data are from 11/26 to 12/2; the week one month before data are from 11/5 to 11/11. HHS Protect data is recent as of 11:40 EST on 12/13/2020. Testing data are inclusive of everything received and processed by the CELR system as of 19:00 EST on 12/12/2020.
- **Hospitalizations:** Unified hospitalization dataset in HHS Protect. These data exclude psychiatric, rehabilitation, and religious non-medical hospitals. In addition, hospitals explicitly identified by states/regions as those from which we should not expect reports were excluded from the percent reporting figure. The data presented represents raw data provided; we are working diligently with state liaisons to improve reporting consistency. Data is recent as of 16:31 EST on 12/13/2020.
- **Hospital PPE:** Unified hospitalization dataset in HHS Protect. This figure may differ from state data due to differences in hospital lists and reporting between federal and state systems. These data exclude psychiatric, rehabilitation, and religious non-medical hospitals. Hospitals explicitly identified by states/regions as those from which we should not expect reports were excluded from the percent reporting figure. Data is recent as of 15:20 EST on 12/13/2020.
- Skilled Nursing Facilities: National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN). Data report resident and staff cases independently. Quality checks are performed on data submitted to the NHSN. Data that fail these quality checks or appear inconsistent with surveillance protocols may be excluded from analyses. Data presented in this report are more recent than data publicly posted by CMS. Last week is 11/30-12/6, previous week is 11/23-11/29. Facilities that are undergoing reporting quality review are not included in the table, but may be included in other NHSN analyses.
- County and Metro Area Color Categorizations
 - Red Zone: Those core-based statistical areas (CBSAs) and counties that during the last week reported both new cases at or above 101 per 100,000 population, and a lab test positivity result at or above 10.1%.
 - **Orange Zone:** Those CBSAs and counties that during the last week reported both new cases between 51–100 per 100,000 population, and a lab test positivity result between 8.0–10.0%, or one of those two conditions and one condition qualifying as being in the "Red Zone."
 - Yellow Zone: Those CBSAs and counties that during the last week reported both new cases between 10–50 per 100,000 population, and a lab test positivity result between 5.0–7.9%, or one of those two conditions and one condition qualifying as being in the "Orange Zone" or "Red Zone."
- Shortages: Unified hospital dataset in HHS Protect. These data exclude psychiatric, rehabilitation, and religious non-medical hospitals. Includes hospitals reporting a staffing shortage currently or projected within one week. Low supply is defined as a hospital reporting 0 or 1-3 days' supply, not able to obtain, or not able to maintain a 3-day supply of N95s, face masks, gloves, gowns, or eye protection. Data is recent as of 15:20 EST on 12/13/2020.