

# State COVID-Operation Snapshot for Kentucky

Gov. Andy Beshear's July 9 executive order requires face covering for people "in situations that represent a high risk of COVID-19 transmission," including most public settings. It took effect July 10 and will last at least 30 days. Children age 5 and under are exempt (see link below).

The Kentucky Department of Public Health issued a new travel advisory that recommends a 14-day self-quarantine for travelers who went to any of eight states – Alabama, Arizona, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Nevada, South Carolina and Texas – that were reporting a positive coronavirus testing rate equal to or greater than 15%. The advisory also included Mississippi, which was quickly approaching a positive testing rate of 15%, and the U.S. Territory of Puerto Rico (see link below).

On April 23, Gov. Beshear rolled out a "Healthy at Work" platform to engage businesses in the state to help shape the phased reopening of business. The platform invites both industry groups and individual businesses who want to submit plans.

Governor Beshear recently announced that manufacturers who had been designated as non-essential will be allowed to reopen and reboot operations on May 11 provided the following guidelines can be met: Continue telework where possible; Phased return to work; Onsite temperature/health checks; Universal masks and other necessary PPE; Close common areas; Enforce social distancing; Limit face-to-face meetings; Sanitizer/hand wash stations; Special accommodations; Testing plan.

Governor Beshear's office has released requirements for continuing business and reopening manufacturing, distribution, and supply chain businesses beginning May 11. These requirements are in addition to the 10 Healthy at Work requirements the Governor previously released. The governor also issued requirements specifically for manufacturing. Both can be found in the links below.

The Kentucky Association of Manufacturers sent a letter with concerns to Gov. Beshear's administration addressing issues identified from manufacturers with the Healthy at Work requirements (see link below).

Gov. Beshear changed its travel restrictions to better comply with judicial findings and more closely mirror the guidance of neighboring states. The governor issued a new executive order that continues to ban anyone with a positive or presumptively positive case of COVID-19 from entering Kentucky, except as ordered for medical treatment. It also keeps in place requirements of social distancing on public transportation. Those traveling from out of state into Kentucky and staying are being asked to self-quarantine for 14 days (see link to order below).

On May 11, Cabinet for Health & Family Services Secretary Eric Friedlander issued an order (see link below) regarding the return to work for many businesses including those that were previously allowed to remain open. The "Minimum Requirements for All Entities" can be found on pages 3-8 of the link. Please note that the document has been revised substantially to address stakeholder concerns with previous versions including PPE requirements.

In addition, the Healthy at Work Minimum Work Requirements" and "Requirements for Manufacturing, Distribution, and Supply Chain Businesses" documents have been updated. This includes the following update on face coverings and temperature checks.

- All businesses, once their sector has been reopened and they can comply with

the requirements to reopen, must require employees to undergo a temperature and health check prior to beginning work each day to minimize the spread of COVID-19. This includes businesses that remained operating because they were deemed life-sustaining; those businesses must begin implementing health checks and the other minimum requirements starting May 11, 2020.

- These daily temperature and health checks may be administered by the employer at the business site or self-administered by the employee prior to arriving at work (at least once every 24-hour period).
- Universal Employee Masks: Businesses, organizations, and entities must ensure, to the greatest extent practicable, that their employees/volunteers/contractors wear a cloth mask (a surgical or N95 mask is not required). A business, organization, or entity need not require an employee to wearing a mask when masking would create a serious health or safety hazard to the employee/volunteer/contractor or when the employee/volunteer/contractors are working alone in an enclosed space. Businesses and organizations shall provide PPE at no cost to employees. Should offer instruction on proper use of masks and PPE. All entities must ensure, to the greatest extent practicable, that their employees wear a cloth mask (a surgical or N95 mask is not required).

## ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- Kentucky Mask Order — [Learn More](#)
- Kentucky Travel Order — [Learn More](#)
- Kentucky Department of Health and Family Services Order — [Learn More](#)
- Kentucky “Healthy at Work” Platform — [Learn More](#)
- Kentucky “Healthy at Work Minimum Requirements” — [Learn More](#)
- Requirements for Manufacturing, Distribution, and Supply Chain Businesses — [Learn More](#)
- KAM Letter to Gov. Beshear Re: Healthy at Work Requirements — [Visit Here](#)
- Industry Groups Reopening Proposals — [Visit Here](#)
- Individual Businesses Plans — [Visit Here](#)
- Kentucky Original Stay at Home Order — [Read Here](#)
- Kentucky Travel Orders — [Read Here](#)
- Kentucky Online Report Portal — [Visit Here](#).
- KAM Resource Page — [Visit Here](#)
- Kentucky Updated Travel Orders — [Read Here](#)

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