

You will notice a significant change in the format of this week’s report.

Marshall County is once again a red zone county, but this is not due to increasing cases or incidence rate. Our rates and cases continue to drop. We are once again in the red zone due to the new rating system released by the CDC and adopted by KDPH this week.

We have entered a new phase in the pandemic. Per the CDC and KDPH, counties will be ranked as:

1. Low Risk (Green)
2. Medium Risk (Yellow)
3. High Risk (Red)

The county level of green, yellow, or red is based on three criteria:

1. Weekly average incidence rate
2. Weekly average number of people admitted to the hospital with COVID-19
3. Hospital capacity devoted to caring for COVID-19 patients

Each level comes with community recommendations for mitigating further spread of the virus. The intent of the new model is focusing our efforts on minimization of the impact of COVID-19 on our health, healthcare systems, and society while protecting those who are most at risk.

This link ([COVID-19 by County | CDC](#)) can be used to check on the status of our county.

Here are the CDC recommendations for each county depending on the current level.

	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 Targeted mask use in schools and other indoor settings following exposures	Consider universal mask use in indoor congregate settings Targeted mask use in schools and other indoor settings following exposures	Wear well-fitted masks in all indoor public settings including K-12 school
Isolation & Quarantine	Stay home when sick Follow isolation & quarantine guidance, including getting tested if exposed or have symptoms of COVID-19	Stay home when sick Follow isolation & quarantine guidance, including getting tested if exposed or have symptoms of COVID-19	Stay home when sick Follow isolation & quarantine guidance, including getting tested if exposed or have symptoms of COVID-19
Physical distancing			Limit indoor in-person gathering and reduce size of gatherings. Encourage physical distancing.
High risk persons	Talk to healthcare provider about preventative treatments	Consider wearing well-fitted mask in all indoor public settings Talk to healthcare provider about preventative treatments	Consider avoiding non-essential indoor public activities Talk to healthcare provider about preventative treatments

I expect Marshall County to continue to improve in the coming weeks as the two factors related to hospitalizations decrease.

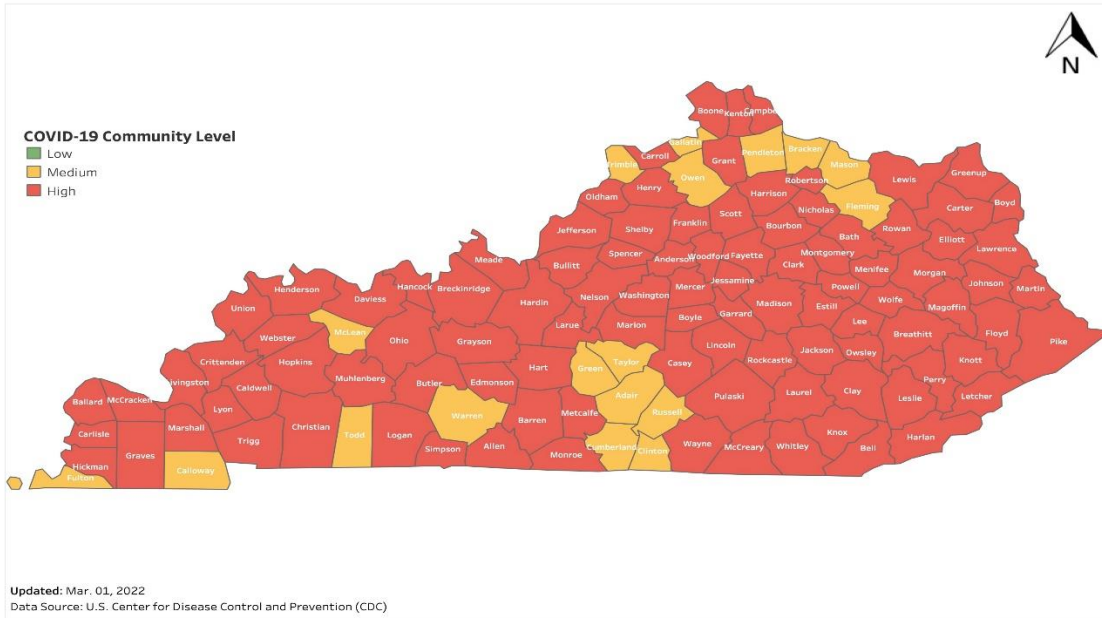
I will continue to send a weekly report for the next couple of weeks then consider the possibility of decreasing the frequency as our community stabilizes

Weekly Update

March 3, 2022



Kentucky COVID-19 Community Levels by County



Here is the data for Marshall County as of today.

Total COVID Cases	8,533	(Increase of 15 from last week)
Current Active Cases	53	(Decrease of 51 from last week)
Current Hospitalizations	3	(Decrease of 2 from last week)
Total COVID related deaths	97	(Increase of 4 from last week)

	Mar, 2022	Feb 2022	Jan 2022	Dec 2021	Nov 2021
Cases for the month	3	648	2,223	432	184
COVID related Deaths	0	6	6	5	2

Disclaimer: All information in this update is point-in-time data. Information changes daily.

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