

# CCS COVID UPDATE – 12/03/2020

Good afternoon. I hope everyone had an opportunity to enjoy some much-needed decompression time across the Thanksgiving break. It is December 3rd, and as promised, time for me to provide an update regarding our COVID numbers, school status and implications for the coming week.

## School Programming:

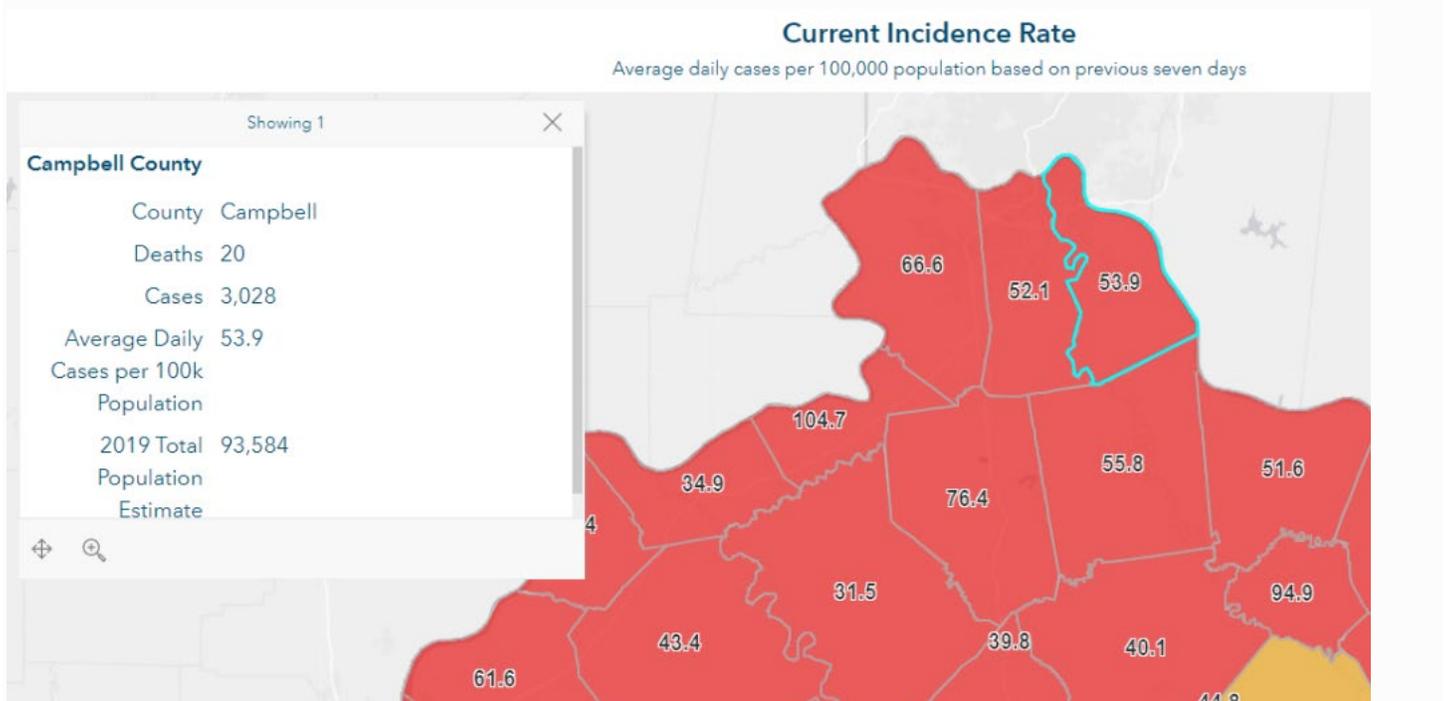
If you recall, Governor Beshear's [executive order](#) currently prohibits face to face instruction but allowed for elementary schools to reopen on December 7th if a county's COVID incidence rate fell below 25 per 100,000 people. As you can see in the next section, we are still deeply in the red and therefore, will NOT reopen our elementary schools next week.

You will, however, begin to see buses run next week, to support the initiation of our targeted small group instruction program being provided to select students, as permitted by executive order. Under this provision, schools may have no more than 15% of the student population report for two-hour segments to receive remediation, therapies or to catch up if they are significantly behind or lacking internet access. The principal and staff at each school have reached out to those students who are facing the most pressing educational barriers in order to provide them support. This program will run until we can get students back in school. I know many may want their child included in this program, but it is being reserved for the most dire of circumstances. We also have to keep numbers really, really small in order to protect the health of staff, students and families.

In addition, our school principals are working to serve our preschool students. Next week, preschool instruction will be provided virtually to children of participating families. We are also scheduling therapies for preschool children and working with transportation to get preschool students back into school to receive related services on December 14th. More information will be provided by your child's school next week.

## Current COVID Numbers:

According to the [KY DPH's website](#), Campbell County's incidence rate is 53.9 per 100,000 people. We have fluctuated between the 40s and 70s during the past two weeks. The state is still showing 20 COVID-related deaths for Campbell but, the [NKY Health Department data](#) shows 23, which I expect to be updated on the state site within the next few days.



## COVID-19 Activity in Northern Kentucky

Dashboard is updated at approximately 8 AM daily. Date updated: 12/3/2020. Cases/deaths reported are through yesterday, 12/2/2020.

Cases reported yesterday\*  
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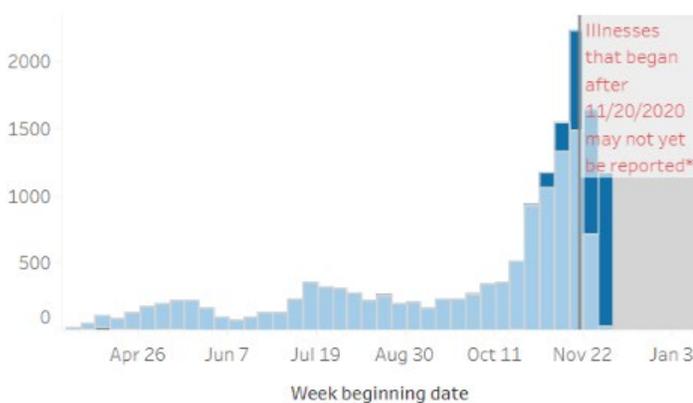
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Deaths reported yesterday\*  
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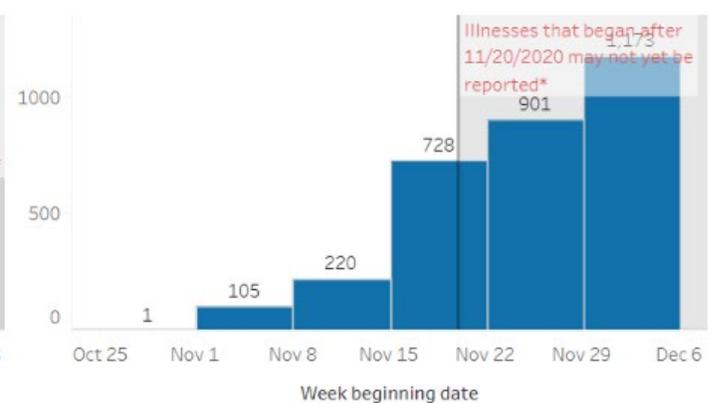
\* Cases/Deaths reported are the number of cases/deaths reported to the Health Department through yesterday. Numbers do not necessarily represent newly diagnosed cases of COVID-19. Total cases include active, recovered and deceased cases. Numbers and detailed data are subject to change.

Jurisdiction	Active (Contagious)	Recovered (Not Contagious)	Deceased	Total
Boone County	1,118	4,065	30	5,213
Campbell County	664	2,545	23	3,232
Grant County	196	564	6	766
Kenton County	1,150	4,810	64	6,024
<b>Total cases</b>	<b>3,128</b>	<b>11,984</b>	<b>123</b>	<b>15,235</b>

CTT Total cases over time\*



CTT new active cases over time\*



### Children's Hospital Monthly update:

For those who have been following my updates, you know I pay close attention to the monthly school administrator forum presented by Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center. Several of you have gone on to watch their videos and thanked me privately for sharing them.

This month's video is equally as good. It shares excellent information about the coming vaccines and about student mental health. Dr. Lynne Merk provides mental health look-fors and advice for helping your child work through and cope with the consequences of virtual instruction and social isolation during COVID. I believe the advice is really good for some adults as well.

In addition, during the Q and A at the video's end, Dr. Wong, Dr. Frenck and Dr. Kahn continue to articulate previous messaging about the importance and effectiveness of the prevention "bundle", including social distancing, masking, disinfection, and hand hygiene. Please check out this month's forum [at this link](#).

**Athletics and Extra-Curricular Activities:**

This is a reminder that all athletic and school-sponsored extra-curricular activities continue to be suspended through at least Sunday, December 13th. I will revisit this issue in next week's update, but honestly don't expect much to change based on the current infection trends.

**Food Service:**

The meals keep coming!!! Because we are back to the all-virtual model as we were in the spring, we have expanded meal distribution to occur at each of our schools. Pickup continues on Wednesday evenings from 4-6 p.m. We are also adding a midday distribution from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Tuesdays to accommodate those folks not available on Wednesday evenings. These meals are available, for FREE, to ANY child from birth to age 18. Please see the new schedule [at this link](#).

**All-Virtual Reminder for Changes:** If you are the parent/guardian of a child who had selected the all-virtual model through December but wish to move to the hybrid model when we return, please contact your child's school. A quick questionnaire was distributed via email by each school for parents to make that change. We need to know this information so we can make adjustments within our student information database and bus routing. Call your child's school if you have any questions.

Thank you for taking the time to read this update. As always, please feel free to reach out and contact me, or any of our staff members, if you have any questions or comments.

Sincerely,

David Rust, Superintendent