

Dear valued Northern Kentucky Chamber of Commerce member,
Good afternoon.

As most of you are aware, we are communicating with NKY Chamber members, as often as we can, to provide the most up-to-date information and resources regarding COVID-19. We are doing this daily email, as well as video updates, social media posts and regularly updating our website. This daily email update is designed to provide you with a summary of the latest information we have regarding the impact of COVID-19 and resources you may find helpful at this time.

YOUR COVID-19 UPDATE FOR TUESDAY, MARCH 24, 2020

Horizon Community Funds Launches NKY Coronavirus Emergency Relief Fund

Horizon Community Funds of Northern Kentucky is taking the lead on a new fund to support local nonprofits as they stretch to meet the increased demands for services and resources due to the spread of COVID-19. The NKY Coronavirus Emergency Relief Fund aims to raise at least \$4 million, with nearly half of that already committed. The Butler Foundation and The R.C. Durr Foundation have stepped in for a total of \$750,000 as a dollar-for-dollar matching challenge gift to the community, and St. Elizabeth Healthcare has offered \$100,000 to start their fund in support of St. Elizabeth associates.

The Relief Fund will provide flexible financial assistance to nonprofits serving Boone, Campbell, and Kenton counties in Northern Kentucky that are experiencing increased demand for resources in response to the COVID-19 virus in our community. [Click here to learn more and to make a contribution.](#)

What is included in “essential critical infrastructure” and “essential businesses and services”?

The Department of Homeland Security, which provides guidance on the "Essential Critical Infrastructure Workforce," has developed an initial list of "Essential Critical Infrastructure Workers." [Click here to learn more and view the list.](#)

- [View “Essential Critical Infrastructure Workers” details for Ohio](#)
- [View “List of life-sustaining retail businesses” for Kentucky](#)

For specific questions or clarifications, contact VP of Public Affairs and Communications, Kristin Baldwin at kbaldwin@nkychamber.com.

Donation of N95 Masks

Businesses that have new N95 masks they would like to donate can do so the following ways:

St. Elizabeth Healthcare: Call Edgewood Volunteer Services at (859) 301-2140 to arrange a drop-off time at the Edgewood hospital loading dock at 1 Medical Village Drive, Edgewood, KY 41017.

Christ Hospital: Christ Hospital is accepting donations at both its Fort Mitchell (2156 Chamber Center Dr. Ft Mitchell, KY 41017) and Fort Wright (1955 Dixie Hwy, Ft Wright, KY 41011) locations. Donation hours are M-F, 8 a.m. – 3 p.m. They are in need of N95 masks, eye protection and gowns. Individuals can call (513) 263-1463 with questions.

U.S. Small Business Administration Disaster Loans

Gov. Beshear announced the state has qualified for U.S. Small Business Administration Disaster Loan Assistance. With that [certification now in place](#), small businesses, for-profit contractors and private non-profits anywhere in Kentucky that have been harmed by the COVID-19

pandemic are eligible to apply for low-interest SBA Economic Injury Disaster Loans. www.sba.gov/disaster.

Update from The Office of Kentucky Gov. Andy Beshear
(as of Monday, March 23, 5 p.m. press conference)

- On Monday, March 23, Kentucky Gov. Andy Beshear announced the state now had a total of 124 cases of residents confirmed to have contracted COVID-19 as well as the fourth death in the case of an 82-year-old woman. Gov. Beshear said that the woman had underlying health conditions that also attributed to her death. For the latest figures and information, please visit the [official Kentucky COVID-19 web site](#).
- After Gov. Beshear's press conference, the Northern Kentucky Health Dept. announced the first confirmed COVID-19 cases in Boone Co. and Campbell Co., respectively. According to a NKY Health Dept. press release, Kenton Co. has eight confirmed cases with one each in Boone and Campbell Co. [Read the release here](#).
- Gov. Beshear encouraged all Kentuckians to donate to the newly established Team Kentucky Fund. The fund will help Kentuckians severely financially impacted by the COVID-19 emergency and will be handled by the Commonwealth's Public Protection Cabinet. [Click here to donate](#).
- A new hotline has been established for people who need to report dangerous situations and/or businesses operating that are not complying with the outlined social distance standards. The hotline number is 1 (833) KYSAFER (597-2337).
- Gov. Beshear addressed auto dealers in saying dealerships will be able to remain open for parts and services; any sales must be conducted via the Internet or phone and cannot take place inside traditional salesfloors, lobbies and/or offices.
- Gov. Beshear said area hospitals can look to have support from local and state law enforcement in the coming days to ensure safety at all facilities; he reiterated, however, none of the actions are being taken for any reason other than to ensure the safety of health professionals and the clients they serve.
- Gov. Beshear asked local radio and TV stations to start or continue to make public service announcements (PSAs) regarding the need for proper social distancing as the World Health Organization and the United States Surgeon General have both stated this will be a "critical" week in regards to flattening the curve of COVID-19 as the pandemic may otherwise escalate.
- Gov. Beshear ended his remarks noting the state will continue to push for more testing and personal protection equipment (PPE) while reminding Kentuckians social distancing isn't social isolation. He also recommended parents continue to keep their children on a schedule while re-affirming all Kentuckians' need to make time for their own mental and physical health.

Team Kentucky hashtags for social media: #TeamKentucky, #TogetherKY, #Patriot and #HealthyAtHome.

For complete coverage of Gov. Beshear's press conference, [click here](#). For a complete timeline of Kentucky's response to COVID-19, [click here](#). For more information about COVID-19, visit

www.kycovid19.ky.gov. You can watch Gov. Beshear's press conferences daily at 5 p.m. by visiting www.facebook.com/GovAndyBeshear or by [clicking here](#).

Federal Government Updates

US Chamber Raises Concerns on Efficacy of DPA (March 23) - Chamber Executive Vice President and Chief Policy Officer Neil Bradley issued the following statement Monday concerning the Defense Protection Act:

"The Defense Protection Act isn't a magic wand to immediately solving medical supply shortages. It can't produce highly specialized manufacturing equipment overnight. It can't convert a refrigerator factory into a ventilator factory.

"The proponents of invoking the Defense Protection Act have not identified what problem exists that this law can solve. What is it that businesses are not already doing that the Defense Protection Act would compel them to do? The fact is American companies are working around the clock to support our country's response to the pandemic. Companies that have the necessary expertise and infrastructure are working closely with all levels of government to get the products to those who need them most. A variety of manufacturers have risen to the task and suggested that their equipment can be reconfigured to produce medical equipment. The real challenge is that we need to produce sophisticated products that can't easily be made without the right specialty equipment, which may not be readily available."

[Click here to read the full statement.](#)

Fed Announces Emergency Measures to Boost Economy - [Provided by US Chamber](#) (March 23)

- The Federal Reserve on Monday announced aggressive emergency measures to ensure businesses, individuals, and local governments can get loans to hold them over until the economy bounces back.

"It has become clear that our economy will face severe disruption," Fed leaders wrote in a statement. "The Federal Reserve is committed to using its full range of tools to support households, businesses, and the U.S. economy overall in this challenging time."

[Click here to read the full statement.](#)

[Read additional updates on the NKY Chamber's website.](#)

Northern Kentucky Guide to Resources and Updates

As a result of a joint effort on behalf of the NKY Area Development District (NKADD), NKY Chamber of Commerce, NKY Office of Drug Control Policy (NKYODCP), NKY Tri-ED, and United Way Greater Cincinnati in NKY, the [Northern Kentucky Guide to Resources & Updates](#) has been created to provide a central location for all resources that serve businesses, community members, non-profit partners and those in need throughout our region.

[Please view this document](#) for access to information on the following needs across all Northern Kentucky counties:

Aging/Senior Services, Business Continuity, Census 2020, Childcare, Community Relief Funds, Education Resources (K-12 and Post-Secondary), Employment Services, Healthcare Assistance, Hospital Services, Water, Sewer, Transportation, Utilities, NKY Counties & Cities, NKY Health Department Updates, Resource Phone Lines, Food Assistance Services, Safety Net Organizations, Homeless Shelters, Treatment Facilities/Sober Living, Mental Health, Remote Learning Resources, Financial Assistance, and Additional Resources

NKY Chamber COVID-19 Quick Links (Pages Updated Daily)

- [NKY Chamber COVID-19 Updates & Resources](#)
- [Commonwealth of Kentucky COVID-19 Website](#)
- [State and Federal Updates](#)
- [GROW NKY Workforce, Employment & Education Updates](#)
- [Northern Kentucky Health Updates](#)
- [NKY Community Updates \(Local Gov, Workforce, Libraries, Parks,\)](#)
- [Ways to Support Local Restaurants & Businesses](#)
 - [Click here to submit your business](#)
- [Daily Video Updates from Brent Cooper](#)
- [Helpful Resources From Fellow NKY Chamber Members](#)
- [NKY Chamber Member COVID-19 FAQs Answered](#)
- [COVID-19 Federal Resources](#)
- [NKY Resource Guide](#)

We continue to receive suggestions and ideas and we will keep everyone posted on things that are happening. As always, if you have questions or concerns, please let us know.

We will get through this together! #TogetherKY

-Brent

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