# Governor Changes and How it Can Affect You

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### Unemployment Expansion

• Unemployment insurance expanded The Governor said unemployment eligibility has been expanded effective immediately due to COVID-19. Individuals typically not covered by unemployment insurance, including self-employed, independent contractors, freelance workers, substitute teachers, childcare workers employed by religious affiliated organizations and non-profits can now file. Those who left their job for "good cause" because of reasonable risk of exposure (selfquarantine) or due to caring for a family member affected by the virus are also eligible. To file a claim, visit kcc.ky.gov.





### Non-Life Sustaining Businesses to Close

- All non-life-sustaining businesses close to in-person service Effective on Thursday at 8 p.m., all non-life-sustaining businesses are being told to cease all in-person services
- The businesses that can stay open include: grocery stores, drug stores and pharmacies, banks, hardware stores, agricultural operations, gas stations, media, businesses needed for transportation, logistics, shipping, delivery and pick up, housing, building and construction, laundry, financial services, home-based care and services, professional services, manufacturing and other businesses key to national interests or life-sustaining goods or services, and those covered under the federal critical infrastructure sector.
- Most professional services, including attorneys, accountants and those in real estate, can be performed at home. As the Governor has said previously, restaurants can remain open for delivery, curbside pickup and even carry out if they follow guidelines on social distancing

#### Drive-Thru Testing

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"Beginning next week we will have the first drivethrough facility for the coronavirus in the commonwealth. It will start hopefully on Monday with a single location that will be for very specific individuals that are showing symptoms," said Gov. Beshear. "This is a proof of concept. Provided the proof of concept works we may be able to expand it further from there."

 The Governor stated that more details on the drivethrough facility would be out Thursday. "Understand at the beginning, resources are still going to be limited. Even though we will see significantly more tests than we've seen on a large scale, we will still need to use those resources to go to those most in danger and those who are the most sick."





## Telehealth

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The state entered new orders to allow for more telehealth than ever in Kentucky, the Governor said.

- Acting Secretary Eric Friedlander of the Cabinet for Health and Family Services said state providers have a new best practice and that is to not spread the coronavirus. From substance use services to case management, the Cabinet for Health and Family Services is implementing telehealth options.
- "We can do so much through virtual means and connect with health care providers and we are making it easier for everyone," said Secretary Friedlander. "We have cleared all the obstacles for providers so they can provide telehealth and virtual in-home services to more Kentuckians to keep everyone safe."

### Changes For Our Children

• Gov. Beshear signs school legislation On Tuesday, Gov. Beshear signed Senate Bill 177, which allows school districts across the commonwealth the ability to request an unlimited number of non-traditional instruction days for remote learning during the coronavirus outbreak.

#### • K-PREP tests canceled

The Kentucky Department of Education canceled plans to administer the K-PREP assessment for the 2019-2020 school year. K-PREP testing will resume in spring 2021, and current assessments will be in effect until then





#### Other Actions

• Other actions by Gov. Beshear

Gov. Beshear, along with the Kentucky Public Protection Cabinet (PPC), took executive action to establish the Team Kentucky Fund, a GoFundMe-style online platform to provide financial help to Kentuckians whose employment is affected by the coronavirus. The Governor challenged those who are able to help to make a taxdeductible <u>donation</u> to the fund.

- In addition, Gov. Beshear announced the COVID-19 Reporting Hotline (833-597-2337) that will investigate complaints about non-compliance with coronavirus mandates. Labor Cabinet personnel will monitor the hotline from 7:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. ET. A new website where Kentuckians can visit to make online complaints is kysafer.ky.gov.
- Gov. Beshear has taken decisive actions to protect all Kentuckians since the first case was confirmed in the commonwealth. To read the full list of actions Gov. Beshear has taken to protect Kentuckians and limit the spread of the coronavirus, visit <u>governor.ky.gov/covid19</u>.