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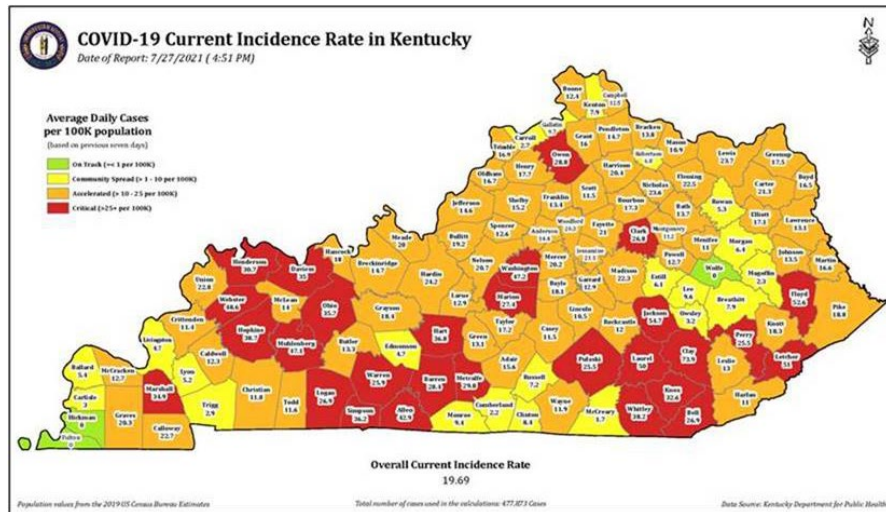
**Update for July 28, 2021**

Justices, Judges, Circuit Court Clerks and Kentucky Court of Justice Personnel:

**CDC changes mask recommendations in wake of COVID escalation**

The COVID-19 positivity rate is growing statewide with more counties approaching orange or red status. We're also seeing an increase in COVID cases among court personnel. Please continue to monitor your county's status on the [Kentucky COVID-19 map](#) (July 27 version below) and take the necessary precautions. Several court facilities are mandating the use of masks among all individuals to limit exposure and spread of the disease. We encourage judges, circuit court clerks and appointing authorities to consider a mask mandate if conditions in your county warrant it.

In response to this wave of COVID cases, the Centers for Disease Control has announced new recommendations that include mask usage for fully vaccinated people. You can find the CDC's July 27 notice [here](#).



Fortunately, COVID vaccinations are highly effective and widely available. We continue to encourage you to get vaccinated to protect yourself and others. You can find a location at [vaccine.ky.gov](#). Court employees who get vaccinated are eligible for four hours of paid comp time (two hours per dose) and the vaccine leave order is attached.

Let's all continue to work together to provide court services in a safe and responsible matter. You can email your questions to [COVIDCourtConcerns@kycourts.net](mailto:COVIDCourtConcerns@kycourts.net).

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