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Update for July 20, 2022

Kentucky Court of Justice Community:

Caution, vaccines encouraged as COVID-19 cases increase this summer

As COVID-19 cases have increased over the summer, Kentucky's [community levels map](#) shows 61 counties at high risk, 45 counties at medium risk and 14 counties at low risk. As of July 18, Kentucky's [positivity rate](#) was up to 17.70%.

We encourage you to stay safe this summer by monitoring your county's risk level, getting vaccinated/boosted as needed, and wearing masks when appropriate.

You can check the risk in your county by using the Centers for Disease Control's [COVID-19 County Check](#). The CDC also explains how to stay up to date on your [COVID-19 vaccines](#), when to [wear a mask](#) and when to take an [at-home test](#). The CDC also provides guidelines on what to do if [you have COVID-19](#).

The Kentucky Court of Justice recognizes the importance of COVID-19 vaccines in reducing infection and preventing severe illness, and allows employees to claim up to two hours of paid leave to get a vaccine if they:

- Work the day the COVID-19 vaccine dose is obtained.
- Receive prior approval from their appointing authority, who may specify when they can be absent from work.
- Provide documentation of the vaccine dose to their appointing authority during the pay period the leave is claimed.

Employees who obtain a COVID-19 vaccine dose will be credited with compensatory time for any unused vaccine leave hours if they do not miss any work hours. An employee who claims vaccine leave but does not actually receive a dose on the day they have claimed leave will be subject to disciplinary action.

If you have any questions about COVID-19 and the workplace, please email COVIDCourtConcerns@kycourts.net.

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