



Kentucky Health Departments Association

WHO WE ARE WHAT WE DO

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- Nonprofit Association
- 60 Local Health Department Directors from across Kentucky
- Collaboration
- Communication
- Advocacy
- Policy



What Does Public Health Do?

CORE PUBLIC HEALTH

FOUNDATIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH

Five focus areas, which includes statutorily and regulatorily defined services:

1. Population Health
2. Enforcement of Regulation
3. Emergency Preparedness & Response
4. Communicable disease control
5. Administrative and organizational infrastructure

Community Health Assessment

WIC

HANDS

HARM
REDUCTION &
SUD

Local Public
Health
Priorities





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Foundational Public Health

- Population Health
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Public Health
Prevent. Promote. Protect.

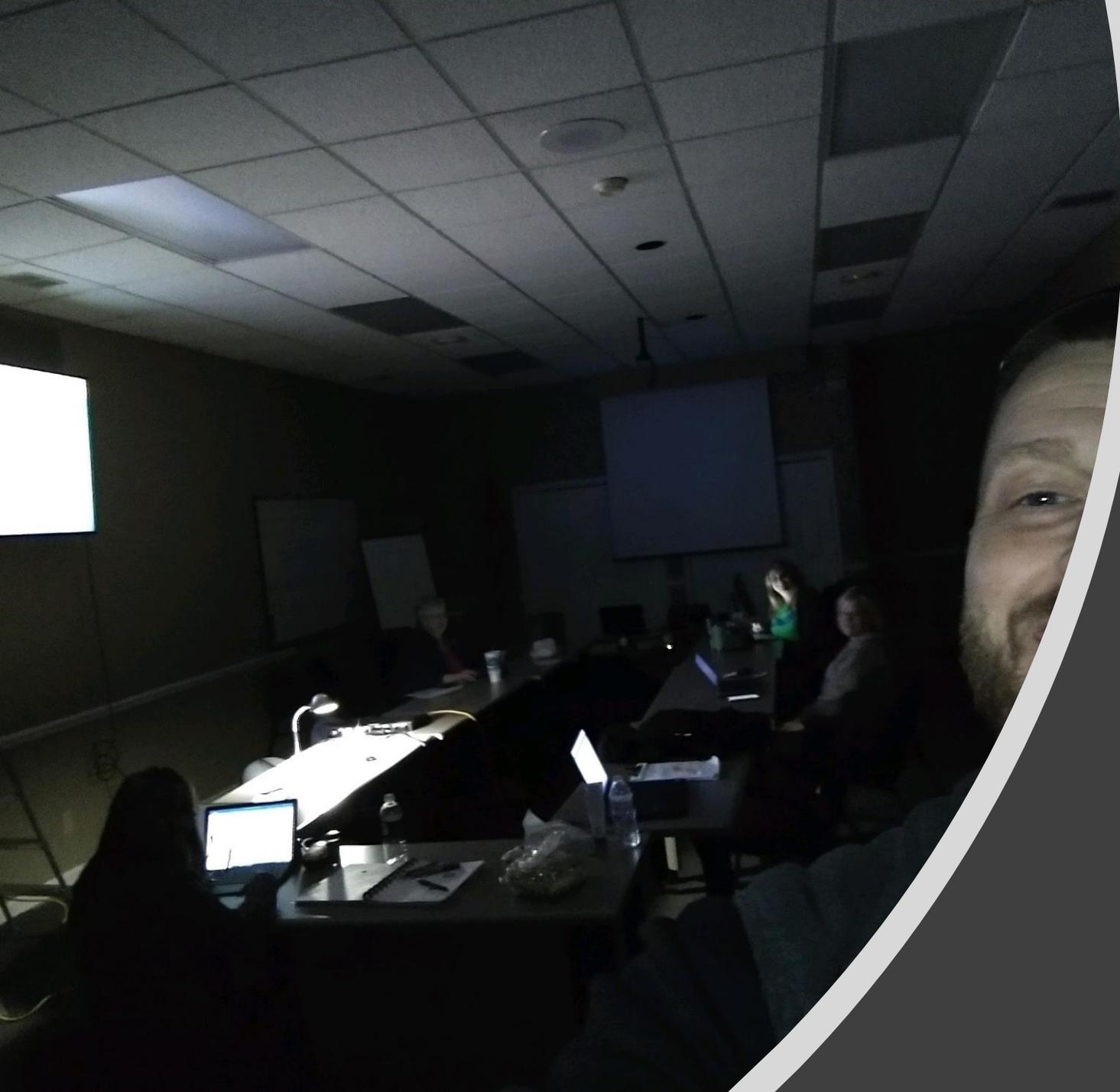


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Core Public Health

- Women Infant Children Program (WIC)
- Health Access Nurturing Development Services (HANDS)
- Harm Reduction/Substance Use Disorder





COVID-19 Public Health Response



Education,
Promotion,
and Linkage



Disease Investigation and Contact Tracing



Assistance to
Local
Businesses
and
Organizations



Receipt and Distribution of PPE



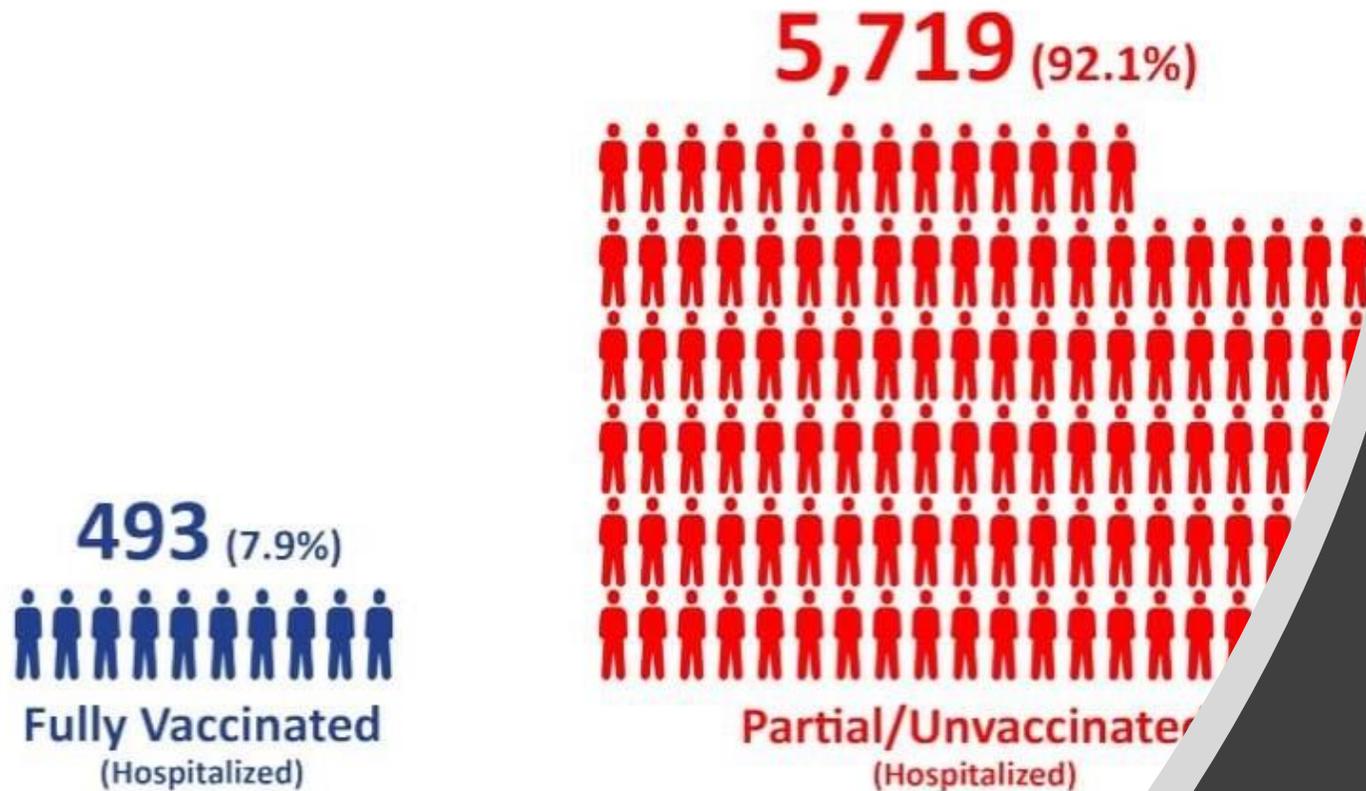
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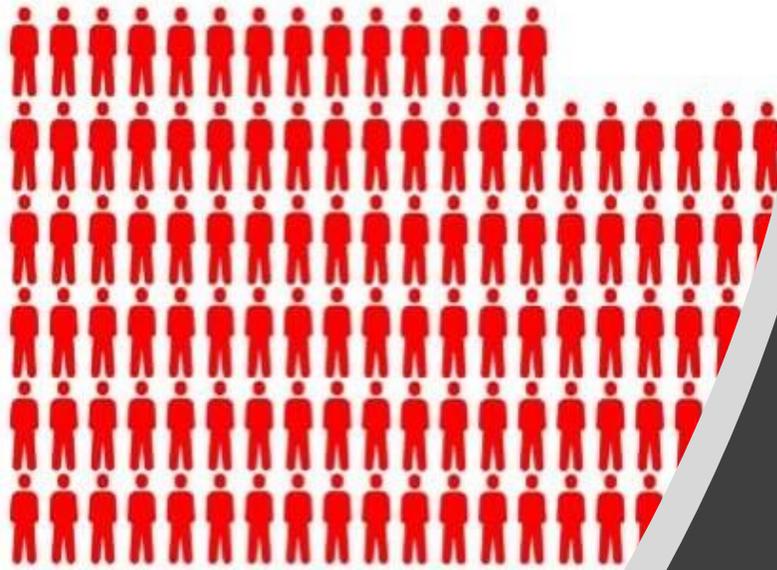
Vaccination

Kentucky COVID-19 HOSPITALIZATIONS

March 1 - September 15, 2021*



Fully Vaccinated
(Hospitalized)



Partial/Unvaccinated
(Hospitalized)

“Public health is the art of deciding who dies when and in what degree of misery.”

-Bill Bicknell, MD
Founder/Chair Emeritus
International Health
Boston University

 = 50 patients

Data is provided by Kentucky Department of Public Health on a weekly basis. For additional information please visit: kycovid19.ky.gov - KY COVID Data

* Data are provisional and subject to change; fully vaccinated includes individuals who received the Pfizer vaccine or the Janssen vaccine >2 weeks prior to the illness; unvaccinated includes individuals who are not fully vaccinated or partially vaccinated

Hospitalization data may be underreported

HB 129 Rep. Moser Final Passage
AN ACT relating to public health. APPROPRIATION
EMERGENCY

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✓ Bechler	Flood	✓ Huff T	✓ Miller C	Scott
✓ Bentley	Frazier	✓ Jenkins	✓ Miller J	✓ Sheldon
✓ Blanton	✓ Freeland	✓ King	✓ Minter	✓ Sims
✓ Bojanowski	✓ Fugate	✓ Koch	✓ Moser	✓ Sorolls
Booker	Gentry	✓ Koenig	✗ Nemes	✓ Stevenson
✓ Bowling	✓ Glenn	✓ Kulkarni	✓ Osborne	✓ Stewart
✓ Branham	Goforth	✓ Lee	✓ Palumbo	✓ Stone
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✓ DuPlessis	✓ Hinkle	✓ Meredith	✓ Rowlan	
✓ Elkins	Hoover	✓ Meyer	✓ Rudy	
✓ Elliott	✓ Howard	✓ Miles	✓ S	

"The reason we have government is to solve problems collectively that we can not solve individually."

*Dr. Thomas Farley, NYC Health Commissioner
from the HBO Documentary
"Weight of the Nation"
May 2012*

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REOPEN ARE MASSIVE TE

STATE **MEDICINE** **FDA**

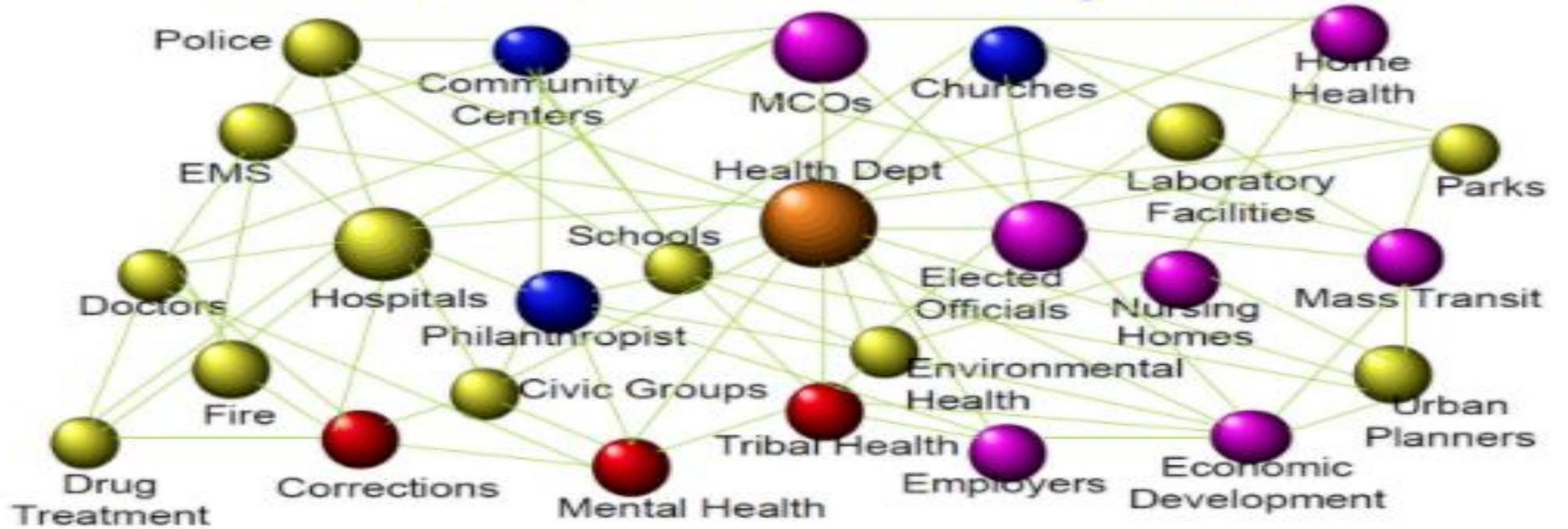
FEDERAL **PHARMACY** **CDC**

POLITICS **PUBLIC HEALTH** **SCIENCE**

STATE **INSURANCE** **RESEARCH**

LOCAL **SOCIAL MEDIA** **WHO**

Local Public Health System



Your Local Health Department: Chief Health Strategist



Public Health On the Frontlines March 2020- Current



COVID-19 Prevention in K-12 Schools
September 15, 2021

Schools are an essential part of community infrastructure and the return to in-person instruction for K-12 students is a priority. KDPH has prepared the below documents to assist schools with COVID-19 safety and prevention strategies for the 2021-2022 school year.

- [KDPH Guidance for K-12 School Operations for In-Person Learning: Layered Prevention Strategies](#)
- [KDPH Supplemental Guidance for a "Test to Stay" Modified Quarantine Strategy](#)
- [COVID-19 Testing Services for K-12 Schools](#)

The below educational materials have been prepared to assist schools in assessing COVID-19 exposures:

- [COVID-19 in Schools one-page information sheet](#)
- [Assessing COVID-19 exposures in K-12 schools flow chart](#)
- [Exposure Guidance for Fully Vaccinated \(English\)](#)
- [Exposure Guidance for Fully Vaccinated \(Spanish\)](#)
- [Exposure Guidance for Not Fully Vaccinated \(English\)](#)
- [Exposure Guidance for Not Fully Vaccinated \(Spanish\)](#)

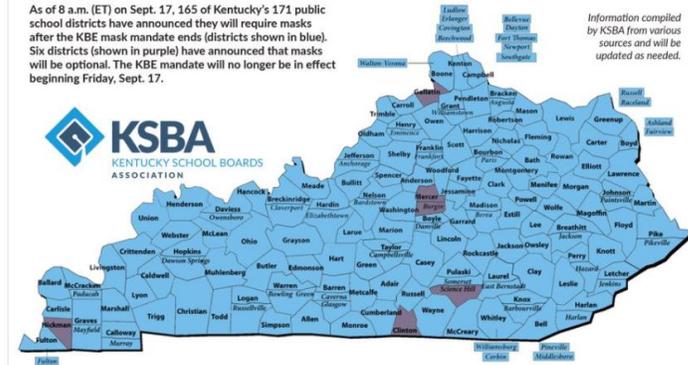


As of 8 a.m Friday, 96 percent of Kentucky's 171 school districts have announced they will continue to require all students, staff and visitors to wear masks now that SB1 is in effect eliminating the statewide mask mandate in Kentucky public schools.

District Mask Mandates

As of 8 a.m. (ET) on Sept. 17, 165 of Kentucky's 171 public school districts have announced they will require masks after the KBE mask mandate ends (districts shown in blue). Six districts (shown in purple) have announced that masks will be optional. The KBE mandate will no longer be in effect beginning Friday, Sept. 17.

Information compiled by KSBA from various sources and will be updated as needed.



*Includes districts that have publicly announced a mask requirement after the passage of SB1; does not include districts that had implemented local mask requirements before the governor's executive order and/or KBE mandate unless they have announced they are keeping that local requirement since passage of SB1.

2021 Special Legislative Session

SB 1

- Test to Stay
- Eliminate statewide mask mandates, allowing local leaders to make decision

"The Covid-19 shot
has never a question
for me, the science
supports it."

 KENTUCKY RIVER
HEALTH CONSORTIUM



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2021 Special Legislative Session

SB 2

- Regional Covid 19 antibody administration centers. (DPH)
- COVID tests
- PSAs and Public Awareness Campaigns
- Distribution of vaccines – Regional Distribution Hubs
- Added local health departments to KRS Chapter 13 A and KRS Chapter 39 A





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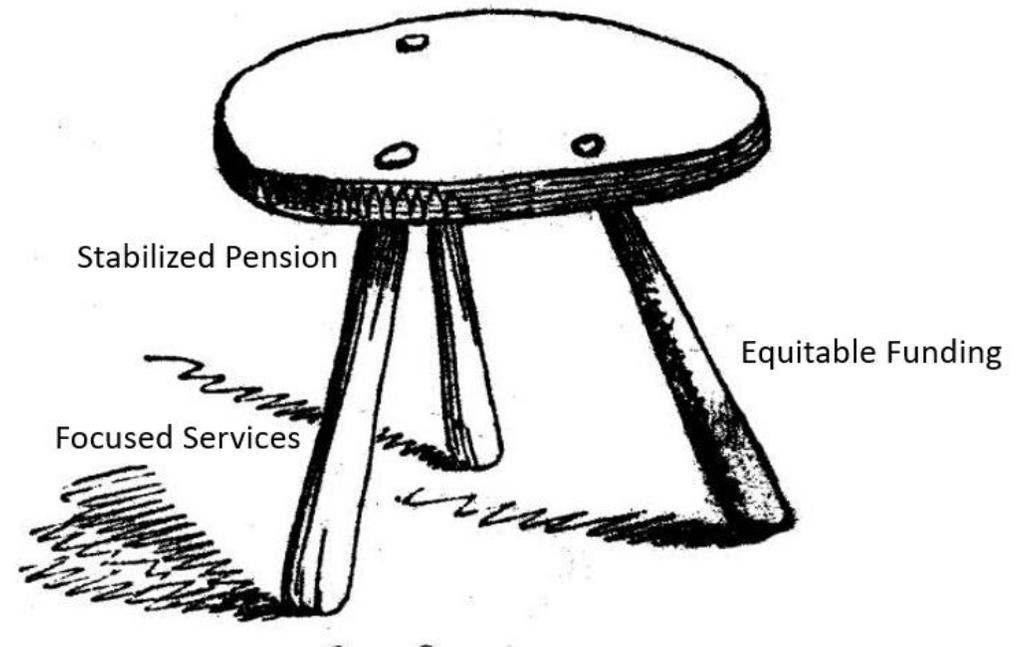
SB 3

Appropriations of \$69,268,300

- Testing in healthcare facilities, health departments, jails, prisons, homeless shelters, etc.
- Monoclonal Antibody Treatment
- Test to Stay at schools



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Request: Full Implementation of Public Health Transformation for a Strong Public Health System and Improved Health Outcomes for Kentucky



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