

The State of Healthcare  
in the Commonwealth  
June 21, 2023

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without

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# Objectives

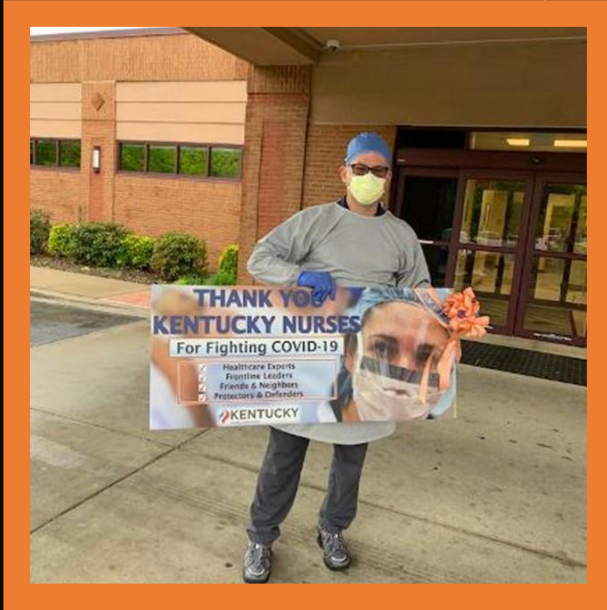
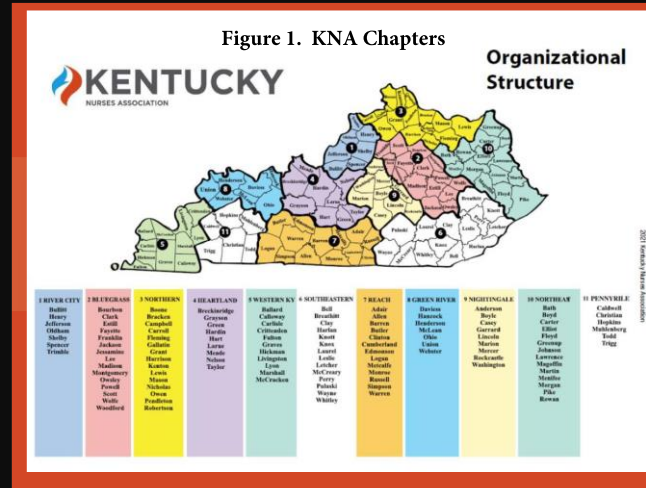
- Review the Kentucky Nurses Association involvement pre -pandemic, during the pandemic and post public health emergency(PHE)
- Identify the challenges for healthcare industry post Covid pandemic

# Pre –Pandemic Challenges

- Nursing Shortage
  - Average age of a Kentucky Nurses 53
  - Inflexible work schedules
  - Unsafe workplaces
  - Nurses absent from organization decision making
  - Nurse retention
  - Image of nursing
- October 2021 KNA nurse survey



# 11 KNA Chapters in Kentucky



# 2020: When Community Testing was Needed

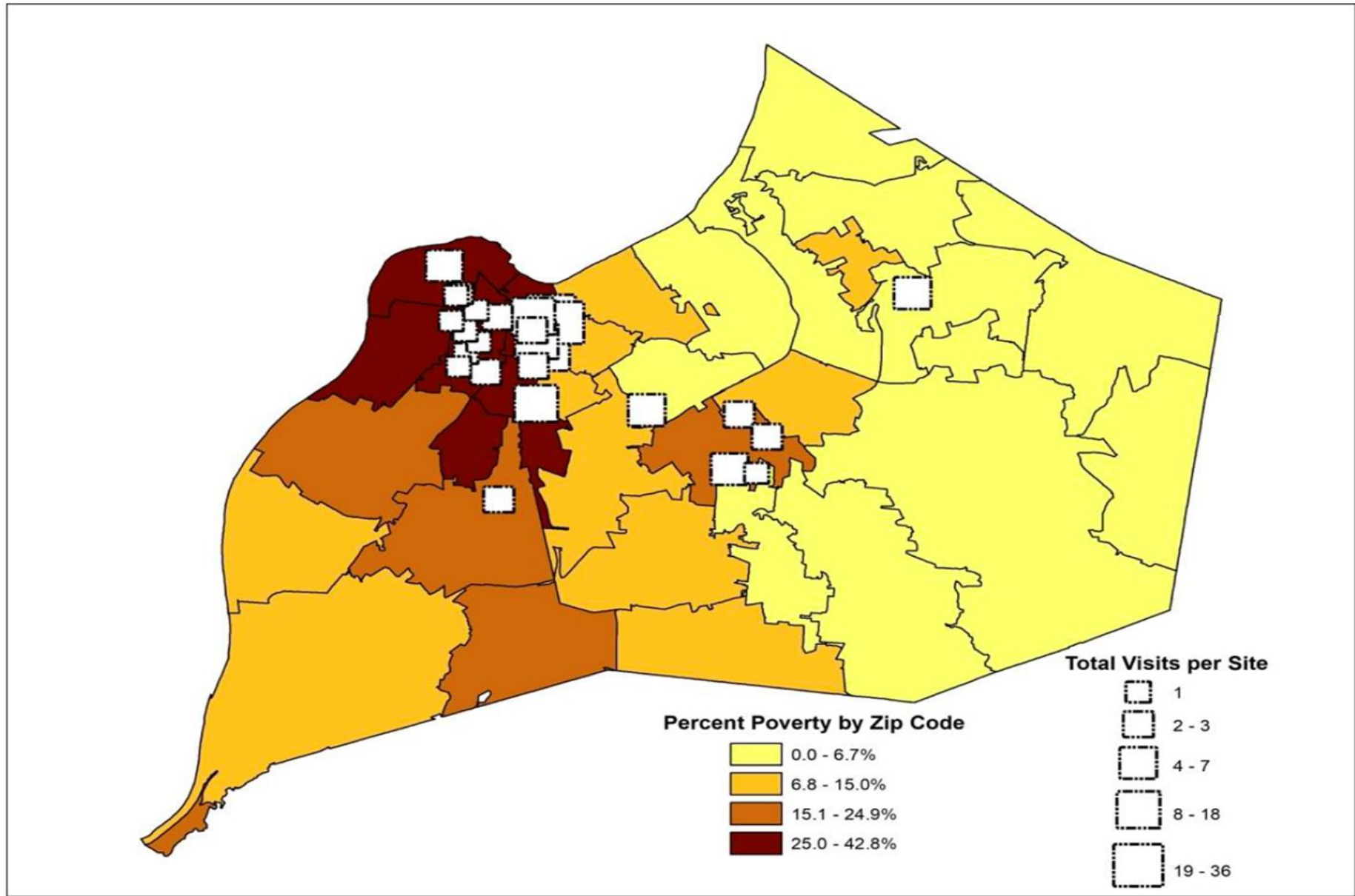
- KNA began a collaboration with Louisville Metro Department of Public Health and Wellness to initiate mobile testing in areas of Louisville most vulnerable, marginalized, and without resources
- Beginning in November 2020 and continuing to present
  - More than 300 mobile testing events
  - 56 unique sites
  - More than 20,000 tests performed



# Jefferson County Poverty Density and Mobile Testing Clinics (November 2020-May 2022)

The color gradient depicts the poverty density in the area taken from data from the 2020 census (American Community Survey)

The white squares show the clinic locations and the size of the square depicts the number of clinics held at the given site



# Listening Sessions

- More than 60 sessions
- Identifying concerns, fears, misinformation
- Providing accurate information so individuals can make informed decisions
- Building upon the trust the community has in nurses
- Gallup Poll has again validated that the general public ranks nursing as THE most TRUSTED of professions



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# 2020: When Community Vaccination was Needed



## LouVax Broadbent

- Over 110,000 vaccines

## Mobile Missions

- 525 volunteers
- Over 9,000 vaccines
- 330 missions
- *Less than 1% error*



# From heroes to villains



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## Other challenges

- **Workforce shortage**
  - Encourage organizations to focus on retention
  - Seek federal support for Workforce Center
  - Consider novel models of care delivery in all healthcare settings
- **Continued emergency preparedness**

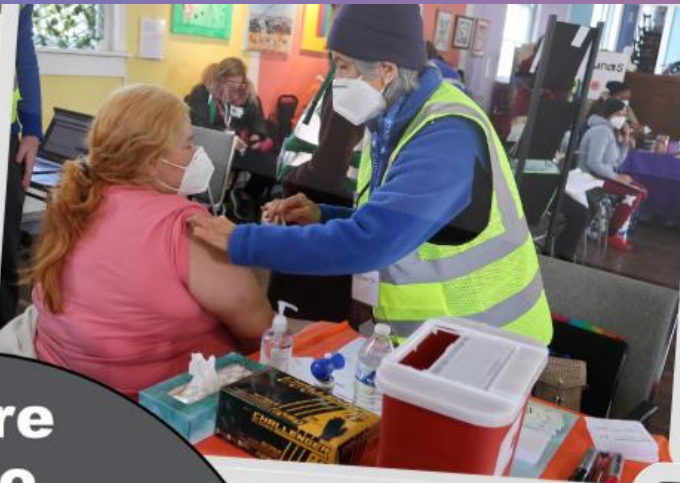
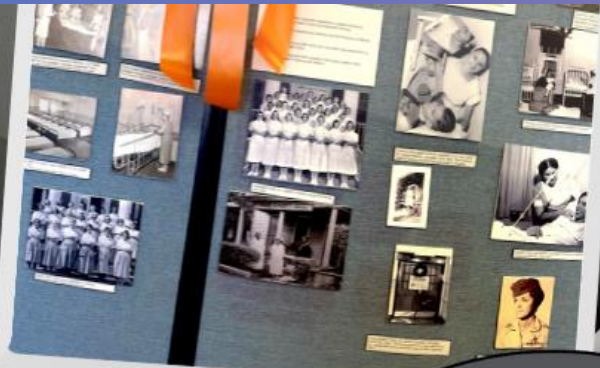
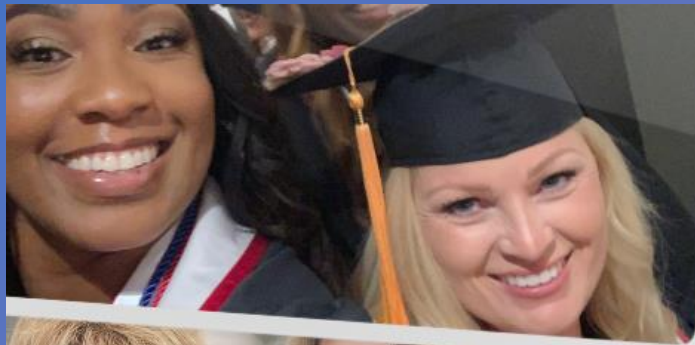


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