

# Protect your sight: What to know about ocular melanoma

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When you think of cancer, eye cancer may not be the first thing that comes to mind. However, ocular melanoma — a rare but serious disease — deserves attention. It is the most common primary eye cancer in adults, and early detection can significantly improve outcomes.

### WHAT IS OCULAR MELANOMA?

Ocular melanoma (also called uveal melanoma) develops from melanocytes, the cells that produce pigment in the eye. Although it accounts for only about 5% of all melanoma cases, it is the leading cancer that originates inside the eyeball in adults.

The uvea — the eye’s middle layer — includes the iris (the colored part), the ciliary body (involved in focusing) and the choroid (a layer rich in blood vessels). Most cases begin in the choroid.

### HOW COMMON IS IT?

In the United States, ocular melanoma is diagnosed in about 5 out of every 1 million people annually, translating to roughly 2,000 new cases each year. Though rare, the disease requires vigilance because of its potential severity.

### WARNING SIGNS

Early-stage ocular melanoma often causes no symptoms and may only be detected during a routine eye exam. As the tumor grows, you might notice:

- Blurry vision or loss of side vision
- Flashes of light
- Floaters (spots drifting across vision)
- A growing dark spot on the iris
- A change in pupil shape

These signs don’t always mean cancer, but any new visual change should be



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checked promptly.

### RISK FACTORS

Factors that may increase risk include:

- Age: More common after age 60
- Light eye color: Blue, green or gray eyes carry higher risk
- Family history: Rarely, it can run in families

### DIAGNOSIS, TREATMENT AND PROGNOSIS

If ocular melanoma is suspected, your doctor will refer you to an eye cancer spe-

cialist. Diagnostic tests typically include a detailed eye exam and imaging, such as ultrasound.

Treatment options vary by tumor size and spread, and may include:

- Radiation therapy
- Surgical removal
- Laser therapy
- Targeted or immunotherapy (if spread is detected)

The prognosis for small, localized tumors is generally good, with high rates

of vision preservation and local tumor control. However, about 50% of patients with ocular melanoma may develop metastasis — most commonly to the liver — which can complicate outcomes. Close follow-up is essential.

### WHY AWARENESS MATTERS

Though rare, ocular melanoma can be vision- and life-threatening. Regular eye exams, especially for people over 60 or those with light-colored eyes, are key to

## Diseases are spreading and CDC isn’t warning the public like it was months ago

BY MELISSA PATRICK  
Kentucky Health News

Since the Trump administration assumed power in January, an NPR analysis has found that “many of the platforms the CDC used to communicate with the public have gone silent.”

“Health alerts about disease outbreaks, previously sent to health professionals subscribed to the CDC’s Health Alert Network, haven’t been dispatched since March,” Chiara Eisner reports for NPR.

“Public health functions best when its experts are allowed to communicate the work that they

do in real time, and that’s not happening,” Kevin Griffis, who served as the director of communications at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention until March, told Eisner. “That could put people’s lives at risk.”

The silence doesn’t mean health emergencies have paused, and the decline in communications could put people at risk, current and former CDC workers told Eisner.

“Cases of measles, salmonella, listeria and hepatitis A and C have spread throughout the country,” Eisner writes. “More than 100 million Americans continue to suffer from chronic

diseases like diabetes and breast cancer.”

Eisner digs into the details of how communications were handled before and after the Trump administration took over, noting that at this time, all posts that CDC workers want to make to their social media accounts must first be reviewed by the Department of Health and Human Services.

Since HHS approval was instituted as a requirement for posting, almost no newsletters have been sent to the tens of thousands of people who subscribe to them, CDC workers said.

Later in the story, Eisner

writes that the CDC is not locked out of its X account, but Andrew Nixon, the director of communications at HHS, did not respond to a request for comment regarding whether the CDC was still locked out of its other social media accounts.

When asked for comment about the communication practices at the CDC, Nixon cast doubt on what the workers said, Eisner reports, saying they were “spreading false rumors.”

The workers continued to give examples of the decrease in communication since the Trump administration took over.

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instituted as a requirement for posting, almost no newsletters have been sent to the tens of thousands of people who subscribe to them,” CDC workers told Eisner.

Further, they said some CDC publications have been delayed or missing information, such as the lack of data on PrEP coverage, referring to the medication taken to prevent HIV infections, in an HIV news release.

Eisner also notes that CDC employees have said less than half of the public health posts they’ve sent to HHS for approval have been cleared for publication on social media.

## 2024 CLARK COUNTY DELINQUENT REAL PROPERTY TAX BILLS

Delinquent Real Property Tax Sale to be held July 17, 2025 at 10AM at the Clark County Courthouse, Winchester, KY

Some delinquencies - although they have been advertised - will be excluded from the tax sale in accordance with the provisions of KRS 134.504 (10) (b)

| Bill# | YearType | Owner Name                      | Property Address         | Map ID           | Amount Due 6/10/2025 |
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| 13060 | 2024R    | RICKETTS, RAMONA                | 552 BARLOW DR            | 043-3010-032-00  | 3688.31*Partial*     |
| 13077 | 2024R    | RIDDLE, EUGENE                  | 111 MIMOSA DR            | 031-2001-007-00M | 138.76               |
| 13098 | 2024R    | RIGSBY, JESSE                   | 813 ASH DR               | 031-2001-135-00M | 209.23               |
| 13171 | 2024R    | RITCHIE, RUSSELL DALE           | 408 MT VERNON DR         | 012-3006-016-00  | 313.35               |
| 13199 | 2024R    | RNT HOLDINGS LLC                | 2570 BYPASS RD           | 043-4014-001-01  | 13080.94             |
| 13215 | 2024R    | ROBERTS, GREGG                  | 213 HICKORY LN           | 031-2002-017-00M | 310.15               |
| 13262 | 2024R    | ROBINSON, MARY E -ESTATE-       | 30 ELM ST                | 054-1022-008-00  | 105.09               |
| 13292 | 2024R    | RODRIGUEZ, JAVIER               | 432 OREO DR              | 043-3038-024-00M | 63.43                |
| 13306 | 2024R    | ROE, CHESTER & OTHERS           | 820 FORD RD              | 027-0000-031-02  | 57.04                |
| 13332 | 2024R    | ROGERS, DAVID W & LULLIA & MARS | 212 1ST ST               | 054-3004-005-00  | 105.09               |
| 13344 | 2024R    | ROGERS, JAMES                   | 607 BANANA DR            | 043-3038-081-00M | 129.14               |
| 13442 | 2024R    | ROSE, MARTHA                    | 638 FRITO LN             | 043-3038-089-00M | 89.10                |
| 13514 | 2024R    | ROWE, NORITA A                  | 3494 JACKSON FERRY RD    | 070-0000-003-05  | 265.30               |
| 13521 | 2024R    | ROWE, RONALD                    | 338 ORANGE AV            | 043-3035-021-00M | 121.11               |
| 13526 | 2024R    | ROWLAND ARTS CENTER INC         | 57 S MAIN ST             | 054-3217-008-00  | 5391.55              |
| 13527 | 2024R    | ROWLAND, ASHLEY                 | 213 AUBREY LN            | 042-4004-213-00M | 116.31               |
| 13682 | 2024R    | SAMS, JERRY D & BEVERLY         | 6105 ECTON RD            | 114-0000-015-00M | 329.38               |
| 13692 | 2024R    | SANCHEZ, MARIO                  | 435 OREO DR              | 043-3038-042-00M | 121.11               |
| 13714 | 2024R    | SANTIZ-NAVARRO, JOSE HUMBERTO   | 61 MELBOURNE ST          | 053-4024-006-00  | 169.18               |
| 13717 | 2024R    | SARINANA, FRANCISCO E & DOUGHER | 6825 WADES MILL RD       | 112-0000-004-05  | 100.29               |
| 13756 | 2024R    | SCALISE, JEANNE                 | 682 ATHENS-BOONESBORO RD | 027-0000-001-00  | 4830.87              |
| 13762 | 2024R    | SCF RC FUNDING IV LLC           | 8 CAROL RD               | 042-2004-010-00  | 10453.73             |
| 13763 | 2024R    | SCF RC FUNDING IV LLC           | 5 DB10 CAROL RD          | 042-2004-011-00  | 1626.96              |
| 13780 | 2024R    | SCHOOLER, LINDA                 | 204 ASHER LN             | 028-3000-014-00  | 185.20               |
| 13917 | 2024R    | SHALASH, ABDALMENEM             | 234 COOK AV              | 065-1002-003-00  | 185.20               |
| 13983 | 2024R    | SHEARER, ROBERT G & PACE DONALD | 30 FLANAGAN ST           | 054-3231-003-01  | 345.40               |
| 14019 | 2024R    | SHELTON, DAVID                  | 710 PEAR CT              | 043-3041-025-00M | 692.64*Partial*      |
| 14078 | 2024R    | SHIPMAN, DELBERT G              | 506 TREEHAVEN DR         | 031-2001-057-00M | 198.01               |
| 14091 | 2024R    | SHOEMAKER, KATHERINE            | 652 FRITO LN             | 043-3038-096-00M | 58.64                |
| 14136 | 2024R    | SHULTZ PROPERTIES LLC           | 28 WAINSCOTT AV          | 054-1031-008-00  | 825.98               |
| 14137 | 2024R    | SHULTZ PROPERTIES LLC           | 242 W BROADWAY ST        | 054-1035-002-00  | 825.98               |
| 14142 | 2024R    | SIBERT, GEORGE                  | 410 MIMOSA DR            | 031-2001-034-00M | 505.59               |
| 14254 | 2024P    | SKINNOVATIONS, INC*****         | 325 RUNNYMEADE DRIVE     |                  | 69.16                |
| 14307 | 2024R    | SLUSHER, DANIEL                 | 654 FRITO LN             | 043-3038-097-00M | 135.52               |
| 14326 | 2024R    | SMITH, CARMEN -ETAL-            | 51 5TH ST                | 054-1023-001-00  | 185.20               |
| 14348 | 2024R    | SMITH, EFFIE -HEIRS-            | 298 PINE RIDGE RD        | 128-0000-053-00  | 97.09                |
| 14351 | 2024R    | SMITH, ELMER -ESTATE-           | 118 4TH ST               | 053-2015-014-02  | 105.09               |
| 14352 | 2024R    | SMITH, ELMER -ESTATE-           | 116 4TH ST               | 053-2015-014-01  | 105.09               |
| 14474 | 2024R    | SMYTH, JESSE                    | 608 BANANA DR            | 043-3038-061-00M | 44.22                |
| 14497 | 2024P    | SNL OUTDOOR SOLUTIONS LLC       | 3479 STAMPER DRIVE       |                  | 166.89               |
| 14683 | 2024R    | SPENCER, JAMES D & JOANNIE S    | 508 KIMBERLY DR          | 043-2000-019-00  | 2780.36              |
| 14696 | 2024R    | SPENCER, SHERRY                 | 535 TREEHAVEN DR         | 031-2001-083-00M | 164.38               |
| 14672 | 2024R    | SPEN-LIN LLC                    | 114 CALLOWAY ST          | 054-4006-003-00  | 579.29               |
| 14858 | 2024R    | STANFIELD PROPERTIES LLC        | 1340 STONER EPHEsus RD   | 103-0000-012-06  | 326.87               |
| 14826 | 2024R    | STANFIELD, DAVID                | 537 KIWI DR              | 043-3039-019-00M | 141.93               |
| 17793 | 2024R    | Steven, Masterson               | 1448 Stoner Ephesus Rd,  |                  | 1063.07              |
| 15012 | 2024R    | STEVENSON, J M -ESTATE-         | 45 6TH ST                | 053-2013-001-00  | 105.09               |
| 15024 | 2024R    | STEWART, CINDY                  | 5 WILSON LN              | 042-4004-001-05M | 93.88                |
| 15034 | 2024R    | STEWART, SHAVONNA               | 2884 FORD HAMPTON RD     | 028-3000-063-00  | 265.30               |
| 15071 | 2024R    | STOKLEY, ANDY                   | 124 BLUEBERRY LN         | 055-0000-124-00M | 81.06                |
| 15093 | 2024R    | STONE HORSE PROPERTIES LLC      | 120 FRENCH AV            | 054-4007-024-00  | 633.73               |
| 15081 | 2024R    | STONE, DAVID G & BOWDEN BARBARA | 900 LATIMORE RD          | 082-0000-008-00  | 5128.84              |
| 15082 | 2024R    | STONE, DAVID G & BOWDEN BARBARA | 3548 RED RIVER RD        | 082-0000-002-01  | 973.35               |
| 15180 | 2024R    | STRICKLAND, MICHAEL             | 635 FRITO LN             | 043-3038-106-00M | 226.86               |
| 15228 | 2024R    | SUAZO, MIREYA                   | 549 KIWI DR              | 043-3039-025-00M | 222.03               |
| 15311 | 2024R    | T & R REAL ESTATE LTD           | 2900 CORPORATE DR        | 052-0000-009-08  | 8066.82              |
| 15312 | 2024R    | T S MONTGOMERY LLC              | 126 N HIGHLAND ST        | 054-3108-002-00  | 4830.87              |
| 15313 | 2024R    | T S MONTGOMERY LLC              | 301 W LEXINGTON AV       | 054-1031-013-00  | 3228.92              |
| 15319 | 2024R    | TABOR, MARY & JOE               | 105 MONET BLVD           | 044-1025-001-10  | 4156.43              |
| 15348 | 2024R    | TANKERSLEY, KEITH AND DANA      | 1446 L & E JUNCTION RD   | 115-0000-003-00M | 349.18*Partial*      |
| 15359 | 2024R    | TAPP, JAMES                     | 924 HACKBERRY CIR        | 031-2001-071-00M | 263.68               |
| 15522 | 2024R    | TAYLOR, SHIRLEY ANN -ESTATE-    | 43 5TH ST                | 054-1023-018-00  | 105.09               |
| 15622 | 2024R    | THE PURVISPIHERE LLC            | 27 S MAIN ST             | 054-3217-017-00  | 4190.07              |
| 15700 | 2024R    | THOMAS, THELMA -ESTATE-         | 363 E BROADWAY ST        | 054-3032-003-00  | 293.44*Partial*      |
| 15701 | 2024R    | THOMAS, THELMA -ESTATE-         | 121 CALLOWAY ST          | 054-4008-008-00  | 1245.69              |

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| 15774 | 2024R    | TILLMAN, PENNY S                | 953 DONALDSON RD         | 085-0000-005-03  | 782.71               |
| 15852 | 2024R    | TOLBERT, LEO -ESTATE-           | 45 EVANS ST              | 053-2016-008-00  | 185.20               |
| 15853 | 2024R    | TOLBERT, WALKER, FRANCES, GABE, | 111 4TH ST               | 053-2016-003-01  | 105.09               |
| 15877 | 2024R    | TOM, PERRY REALTY CO            | 34 8&46 BYPASS RD        | 042-2005-032-00  | 5271.41              |
| 15888 | 2024R    | TORRES, BLANCA                  | 431 OREO DR              | 043-3038-044-00M | 133.93               |
| 15889 | 2024R    | TORRES, BLANCA                  | 471 RITZ CT              | 043-3038-035-00M | 98.71                |
| 15890 | 2024R    | TORRES, HUGO                    | 703 PEAR CT              | 043-3041-013-00M | 81.06                |
| 15915 | 2024R    | TOWNSEND, SHAWN                 | 417 OREO DR              | 043-3038-051-00M | 105.09               |
| 15946 | 2024R    | TRENT, JOLENE                   | 723 CROCKETT CT          | 042-2017-055-00  | 2397.39*Partial*     |
| 15949 | 2024R    | TREVINO, FRANCISCA              | 439 OREO DR              | 043-3038-040-00M | 77.87                |
| 15950 | 2024R    | TREVINO, MAYRA                  | 601 BANANA DR            | 043-3038-084-00M | 137.15               |
| 15989 | 2024P    | TS MONTGOMERY LLC               | 128 N HIGHLAND STREET    |                  | 1427.03              |
| 16005 | 2024R    | TUCKER, MAVIS L                 | 25 SHERWOOD CT           | 043-3008-011-00  | 900.46               |
| 16035 | 2024R    | TURNER, JUDY C                  | 110 QUAIL RIDGE RD       | 043-3006-009-34  | 1012.60              |
| 16036 | 2024R    | TURNER, KEVIN & MISTY           | 419 E WASHINGTON ST      | 065-0000-046-03M | 47.43                |
| 16037 | 2024R    | TURNER, MARJORIE JEWELL & ROBER | 400 MIMOSA DR            | 031-2001-049-00M | 617.73               |
| 16051 | 2024R    | TURNEY, HORACE -ESTATE-         | 31 LINCOLN ST            | 054-3015-024-00  | 79.44                |
| 16093 | 2024R    | UNITED, STATES OF AMERICA       | 2912 MUDDY CREEK RD      | 066-0000-057-00  | 697.82               |
| 16098 | 2024R    | UNKNOWN                         | H 231 RALSTON LN         | 028-3000-031-00  | 105.09               |
| 16129 | 2024R    | VALLADARES, CHEYLA              | 304 MARKET ST            | 043-3035-012-00M | 55.43                |
| 16230 | 2024R    | VAUGHN, JAMIE PRUITT            | 325 VAUGHN LN            | 037-0000-025-01  | 2427.93              |
| 16243 | 2024R    | VC LLC                          | LE PH310 W WASHINGTON ST | 054-1003-024-00  | 185.20               |
| 16244 | 2024R    | VC LLC                          | 308 W WASHINGTON ST      | 054-1003-023-00  | 157.16               |
| 16268 | 2024P    | VIASAT INC                      | CLARK                    |                  | 237.76               |
| 16277 | 2024R    | VICKI, RAMSEY                   | 118 GEORGIA ST           | 054-4006-010-00  | 946.14               |
| 16279 | 2024R    | VILLA, CARLA                    | 445 OREO DR              | 043-3038-037-00M | 185.20               |
| 16283 | 2024R    | VILLA, JACQUELIN                | 1185 FULTON RD           | 043-3039-030-00M | 199.60               |
| 16285 | 2024R    | VILLA, LUIS                     | 367 APPLE ST             | 043-3037-008-00M | 121.11               |
| 16288 | 2024R    | VILLA-MONTALVO, FELIPA          | 527 KIWI DR              | 043-3039-014-00M | 153.15               |
| 16295 | 2024R    | VIRES, CRYSTAL                  | 217 AUBREY LN            | 042-4004-217-00M | 138.76               |
| 16368 | 2024P    | W A KENDALL AND CO LLC          | 2640 IRONWORKS RD        |                  | 5751.67              |
| 16442 | 2024R    | WALK ON RENTAL PROPERTIES LLC   | 935 MUDDY CREEK RD       | 054-4012-008-00  | 1098.31              |
| 16501 | 2024R    | WALTERS, BRENDA                 | 751 DOGWOOD LN           | 031-2001-116-00M | 279.70               |
| 16507 | 2024R    | WALTERS, HAZEL -ESTATE-         | P/DB 66 MELBOURNE ST     | 053-4021-010-00  | 185.20               |
| 16545 | 2024R    | WARE, ROY ALAN & KATRINA S      | 6646 DONALDSON RD        | 098-0000-008-01  | 2120.36              |
| 16572 | 2024R    | WARNER, OPAL -ESTATE-           | 190 ASHER LN             | 028-3000-014-03  | 57.04                |
| 16573 | 2024R    | WARNER, OPAL -ESTATE-           | 220 ASHLER LN            | 028-3000-014-04  | 57.04                |
| 16576 | 2024R    | WARNER, SHANEVA                 | 405 W LEXINGTON AV       | 054-1027-016-00  | 2508.03              |
| 16600 | 2024R    | WASSON, LILBURN -ESTATE-        | 32 ELIZABETH ST          | 054-4010-013-00  | 829.19               |
| 16601 | 2024R    | WASSON, LILBURN T -ESTATE-      | 054_9 BELMONT AV         | 054-2018-010-00  | 1417.09              |
| 16602 | 2024R    | WASSON, LILBURN T -ESTATE-      | 51 BUCKNER ST            | 054-3013-035-00  | 761.89               |
| 16603 | 2024R    | WASSON, LILBURN T -ESTATE-      | 212 JEFFERSON ST         | 054-3023-003-00  | 681.80               |
| 16604 | 2024R    | WASSON, LILBURN TONY -ESTATE-   | 101 BUCKNER ST           | 054-3013-034-01  | 60.23                |
| 16606 | 2024R    | WASSON, PATRICIA                | 117 ELIZABETH ST         | 054-4014-009-00  | 425.48               |
| 16635 | 2024R    | WATKINS, STEVIE                 | 722 DOGWOOD LN           | 031-2001-099-00M | 766.72               |
| 16667 | 2024R    | WATTS, FLORA -ESTATE-           | 232 COOK AV              | 065-1002-002-00  | 550.45               |
| 16777 | 2024R    | WEISTROFFER, DAVID A            | 439 LYNNWAY DR           | 044-1001-001-01  | 3399.47*Partial*     |
| 16781 | 2024R    | WELCH, ANGELICA                 | 1186 FULTON RD           | 043-3041-008-00M | 319.75               |
| 16783 | 2024R    | WELCH, DAVID B & TERESA M       | 2666 PINE RIDGE RD       | 130-0000-011-00  | 537.63               |
| 16858 | 2024R    | WEST, SANDY                     | 118 SYCAMORE ST          | 053-4008-003-00  | 1402.69              |
| 16964 | 2024R    | WHITE, DELORIS                  | 15550 IRVINE RD          | 110-0000-012-03  | 44.22                |
| 16986 | 2024R    | WHITE, ROBERT L JR & DONNETTA F | 430 OLD MUDDY CREEK RD   | 054-4016-022-00  | 185.20               |
| 17102 | 2024P    | WILLIAM, J HUNTER               | WINCHESTER               |                  | 1128.32              |
| 17120 | 2024R    | WILLIAMS, FREDRICK & GENEVA     | 15 GOLDIE AV             | 054-3027-006-00  | 473.55               |
| 17178 | 2024R    | WILLIAMS, TERESA                | 303 ASPEN LN             | 031-2003-016-00M | 761.89               |
| 17220 | 2024R    | WILLOUGHBY, JAMES               | 916 HACKBERRY CIR        | 031-2001-067-00M | 153.15               |
| 17397 | 2024R    | WINCHESTER DEVELOPMENT CO INC   | 830 BYPASS RD UNIT 103   | 042-2005-036-003 | 2427.93              |
| 17399 | 2024R    | WINCHESTER DEVELOPMENT CO INC   | 5 GEORGIA ST             | 054-4008-013-00  | 1106.31              |
| 17400 | 2024R    | WINCHESTER DEVELOPMENT CO INC   | ACT 0420 W LEXINGTON AV  | 054-1028-026-00  | 265.30               |
| 17471 | 2024R    | WINKLER, GARY WILLARD           | 640 FRITO LN             | 043-3038-090-00M | 156.37               |
| 17483 | 2024R    | WIPERT, THOMAS H & BARBARA J    | 119 S BURNS AV           | 054-1039-027-00  | 2322.19              |
| 17485 | 2024R    | WISE, BRIA CHELSEA LEE          | 419 E WASHINGTON ST      | 065-0000-046-08M | 143.53               |
| 17648 | 2024R    | WRIGHT, NATHANIEL -ESTATE-      | 113 MADISON AV           | 054-3004-014-00  | 114.72               |
| 17733 | 2024R    | YORK, RICKY JAMES & WELCH RONAL | 36 FRANKLIN AV           | 054-3031-007-00  | 604.91               |
| 17768 | 2024R    | ZENITH PETROLEUM LLC            | 11220 IRVINE RD          | 120-0000-005-00  | 9396.45              |