

Community

Construction company comes to Riverport

GREENUP COUNTY - Greenup County Fiscal Court, Boyd County Fiscal Court, Greenup Boyd Riverp01i, City of Wurtland, and Kentucky Power were instrumental in making this project a reality. Together, these organizations have demonstrated that when they unite their efforts, great things can happen for their communities.

Judge Bobby Hall remarked, "This is a prime example of what can be achieved when we work together.

The arrival of Strawser Construction will not only create 30 new jobs by November 1 but will also invigorate our local economy."

Columbus, Ohio-based Strawser Construction is in the pavement preservation industry.

It provides cost-effective, innovative, and individualized roadway solutions. The company will build a 9,500 square-foot building on 4 acres at the riverp01i.

"I want to extend my gratitude to Boyd County Fiscal Court, the City of Wurtland and Kentucky Power for its Economic Growth Grant, which has played a vital role in facilitating this project," Hall said.

The community looks forward to the positive impact this development will bring to Greenup County and the surrounding areas.

Measles cases up; vaccine rates down in state

By Melissa Patrick
Kentucky Health News

LEXINTON - Public health officials continue to urge Kentuckians to ensure their children are immunized against measles, as they announced the state's second confirmed measles case in 2025.

The case was a child who was traveling through the state when they sought treatment, according to a news release. The child, who is not a U.S. resident, was diagnosed at a health care facility in Kentucky, which is why the case is counted as a Kentucky incident.

The Kentucky Department for Public Health says the health care facility adhered to strict safety protocols, thus eliminating the risk of spread to other patients.

"There are no other cases and no risks of exposure to Kentuckians associated with this case," according to the release.

A Cabinet for Health and Family Services spokeswoman told the Kentucky Lantern Friday that the child was "unvaccinated, school-aged and is no longer in Kentucky."

The first case of measles in Kentucky in 2025 was reported in February. This case occurred in a resident who had recently traveled internationally to an area with ongoing measles transmission. The state health department reports there were no other confirmed cases associated with the February measles case.

Kentucky's latest case of measles comes as new research from Stanford University, published in the Journal of the American Medical Association, found that "at current state-level vaccination rates, measles may become endemic again" in two decades, meaning it would become a common disease again.

Further, the study estimated there would be 11.1 million cases of measles over the next 25 years if vaccination rates for the disease drop 10% and 51.2 million cases over the next 25 years if childhood vaccination rates were cut in half.

The estimates are based on a simulation of what would happen in the U.S. under various vaccination rates for children.

The researchers add that small declines in measles vaccination would cause this to happen more quickly, whereas small increases in vaccine coverage would prevent this.

Senior author Dr. Nathan Lo, assistant professor of infectious diseases at Stanford Medicine, encouraged parents who aren't sure about vaccination to discuss this with their health care provider.

"With measles, we're right on the cusp. Increasing vaccination levels by just 5% brings the number of measles cases down, safely away from returning to endemic levels," Lo said in a news release. "These are the kinds of small percentages that can really be a tipping point. It's empowering that a small segment of the population can make a difference here."

The most recent assessment of Kentucky kindergarten vaccines for the 2024-2025 school year, released Thursday, April 24, shows immunization coverage for all vaccines has dropped to the lowest rates in more than seven years for Kentucky kindergarteners, including the measles vaccine.

"Coverage among kindergartners for the measles, mumps and rubella (MMR) vaccine, which is effective at preventing diseases, including measles, and is legally required for school attendance in Kentucky, has dropped to 86.9%, which is lower than the national average of 93%. By comparison, MMR rates for Kentucky kindergartners were at 90% for the 2023-2024 school year," according to the release.

This decline in MMR vaccine coverage is occurring during the largest outbreak of measles in the U.S. since measles was declared eliminated in the country in 2000, according to the release.

As of April 24, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has reported 884 measles cases in 30 states in 2025, with 97% of the cases in unvaccinated people — and the numbers continue to grow. For comparison, there were only 285 measles cases reported in the U.S. in 2024.

"These are concerning trends that we are seeing," said Dr. Steven Stack, the state's public health commissioner. "It is really important that folks are properly informed about vaccines so they can take safe steps to protect their children. Vaccines are safe and effective. We urge all parents to have their children vaccinated to ensure they are protected from preventable diseases like measles."

Measles is a highly contagious respiratory virus that can cause serious health complications.

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(NOTICE OF SETTLEMENT)

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

GREENUP:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT A HEARING WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY JUNE 2ND, 2025 AT 1:00 PM BEFORE THE HON. PAUL CRAFT, JUDGE, REGARDING APPROVAL OF THE FOLLOWING SETTLEMENTS. EXCEPTIONS MUST BE FILED WITH THE GREENUP CIRCUIT COURT CLERK, ALLEN K REED, ON OR BEFORE THE ABOVE DATE.

CASE NUMBER	ESTATE	NATURE OF ACCOUNT	FIDUCIARY
09-P-00170	RAY STARR	FINAL SETTLEMENT	BONNIE BLEVINS
14-P-00276	VIOLA STARR	FINAL SETTLEMENT	BONNIE BLEVINS
22-P-00092	JERRY GAIL STEPHENS	FINAL SETTLEMENT	KELLIE STEPHENS
23-P-00070	JERRY HICKS	FINAL SETTLEMENT	NYOKA HICKS
23-P-00098	GREGORY STEVENS	FINAL SETTLEMENT	ELIZABETH STEVENS
23-P-00125	JOY MARSHALL	FINAL SETTLEMENT	ANDREA FERGUSON
24-P-00074	ELLAREE LINTZ	FINAL SETTLEMENT	ANDRIA ALLEN
24-P-00256	ROBERT BAILES	FINAL SETTLEMENT	TIMOTY BAILES
24-P-00287	MAE WILLIS	FINAL SETTLEMENT	REGINA WILLIS
24-P-00297	CONNIE VANOVER	FINAL SETTLEMENT	JENNIFER L LUTE
24-P-00301	TALMAGE RAY ROSE	FINAL SETTLEMENT	KAREN SCOTT

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COUNTY OF GREENUP

1 ALLEN K. REED, CLERK OF DISTRICT COURT, CERTIFY THAT THE FOLLOWING HAVE BEEN APPOINTED FIDUCIARIES, CREDITORS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST SAID ESTATES MUST FILE SAME WITH FIDUCIARY WITHIN (6) SIX MONTHS FROM DATE OF APPOINTMENT:

CASE NUMBER	DATE OF APPOINTMENT	ESTATE	FIDUCIARY	ATTORNEY
25-P-00067	04-07-2025	GERALDINE SKAGGS	LINDA S RUNYON	ALICE B WALTERS
25-P-00068	04-14-2025	LINDY K CLINE	SHANNON L MAY	ROBERT RENFROE
25-P-00081	04-07-2025	LOUIS MOSES MEADOWS	DANIEL M MEADOWS	ROBERT REFROE
25-P-00088	04-07-2025	GUYNETH M HOLBROOK	CONNIE HOLBROOK	JAMES W LYON
25-P-00093	04-07-2025	RITA STEWART	FRANKLIN K VANCE	BRUCE BLACKBURN
25-P-00096	04-07-2025	COLLEEN TAYLOR	CYNTHIA STEVENS	JOHN MCGINNIS
25-P-00098	04-07-2025	LOIS WORTHINGTON	ROGER WORTHINGTON	
25-P-00099	04-07-2025	CATHERINE ANN ALLEN	FREDRICK ALLEN	
25-P-00105	04-21-2025	RICHARD M MITCHELL	DORIS MITCHELL	JOHN D HENDERSON
25-P-00106	04-21-2025	BOBBY CRAGER	JUDITH CRAGER	R. STEPHEN MCGINNIS
25-P-00107	04-14-2025	DONALD MCCULLEY, SR	DONALD MCCULLEY, JR	
25-P-00114	04-21-2025	CHRISTINE HAMILTON	PAUL HAMILTON	

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