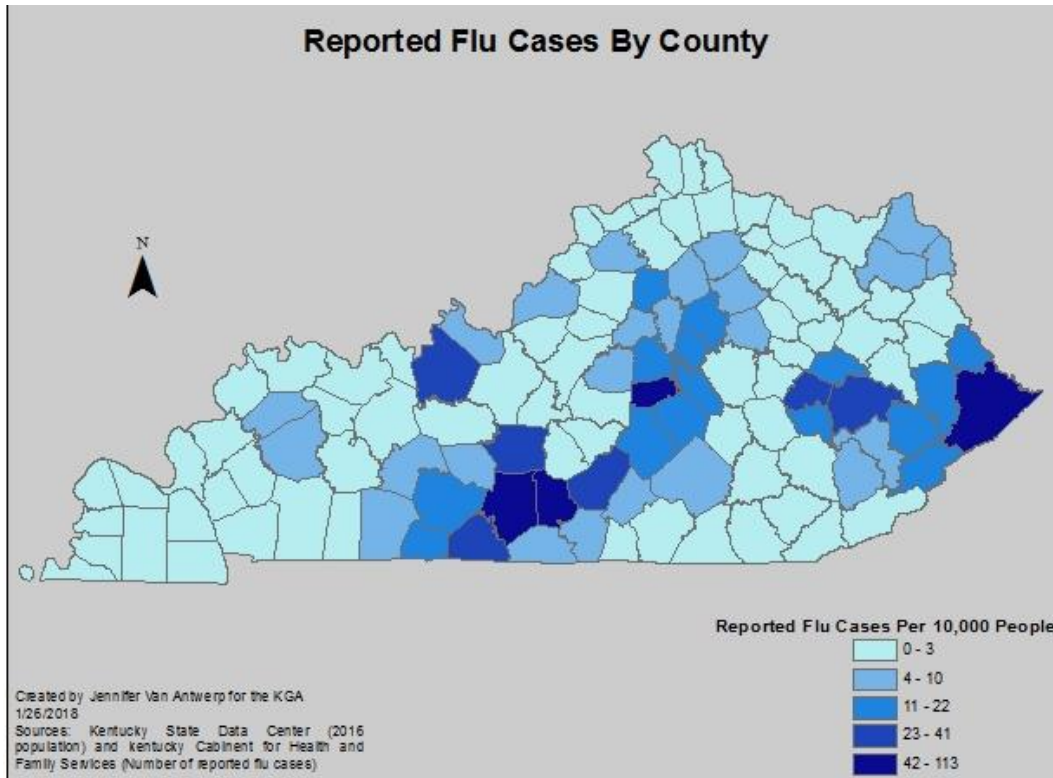

KENTUCKY IN THE NEWS

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The flu season is off to an active start and is already widespread across Kentucky, according to the [Kentucky Department for Public Health](#). School districts are trying to take measures to protect their students from getting sick and spreading the flu. So far this flu season, four Kentucky school districts- Taylor County Schools, Campbellsville Independent Schools, Washington County, and Trigg County Schools- have had to cancel school in order to disinfect and sanitize the buildings. An article by [Cincinnati.com](#) explains what different Kentucky schools are doing to prevent the flu from spreading. Boone County Schools are emphasizing the importance of properly washing hands, covering coughs, and getting vaccinated. Campbell County Schools are keeping tabs on school attendance, disinfecting everything on a daily basis, and are emphasizing ways to prevent the spread of germs to students. Kenton County Schools are also following what Campbell County and Boone County Schools are doing.

Geographers, especially those in the medical field, use information and maps showing the spread of illnesses. By examining these types of maps, geographers can determine the distribution of illness as well as how and where the illness is spreading. This information can then be shared with others so that medical supplies can be used most effectively and the general population can be more informed about the world around them.

The [CDC](#) recommends that those who are not vaccinated should get the vaccine and should avoid the nasal spray vaccine due to “concerns about the vaccine’s effectiveness”. If you do get the flu and experience symptoms beyond mild sickness or are considered high risk, then it is recommended to seek medical attention and get an antiviral.