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Hope



Where there is fear and worry, there is also hope of brighter days ahead for our nation, our state, and our youngest generations.



By **MARY BETH SALLEE**

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Last week during a day that was finally filled with sunshine, I took my son, Luke, out for a drive. At that point, he hadn't been out of the house for at least two weeks. My own outings had only consisted of grabbing what groceries I could at the nearby Dollar General.

We drove around our little area. We pulled over on the edge of the road at both of my sisters' homes, keeping our distance by staying in the car while our family either waved from the porch or stood in the yard.

My little boy and I also went to my parents' house. He had to bring a teddy bear to grandma for her to sew up. He knew his mom certainly couldn't do the job.

My mom and dad have a huge yard, so once again, we kept our distance. But while there, I took a photo of my son with the American flag as it waved in the wind.

For once, in the midst of this pandemic, in the chaos of

emotions that this virus has caused in my heart, I felt a tiny sense of hope.

I felt hope that we will find the strength to come together as a county, a state, and a nation.

I felt hope that our scientists and doctors will discover the medicines and vaccine we need.

I felt hope that even our youngest of generations will have brighter days ahead.

I felt hope in everything that God has planned.

I simply felt hope.

Even today, I feel hope that when this ends - and it will - we can all finally embrace one another, shake hands, and never again take for granted all of the things that we have come to learn can easily be taken away.

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The U.S. leads the world in confirmed COVID-19 cases

Kentucky has biggest one-day jump in confirmed cases

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Information surrounding COVID-19 is rapidly changing each day. This story includes statistics that was relevant as of Monday morning, March 30..

It has been a game of wait-and-see as the coronavirus pandemic continues to rampage throughout the United States with tens of thousands having been diagnosed with the COVID-19 illness.

The nation has waited in fear and uncertainty to discover how devastating the virus can be, and now it knows. The unthinkable arrived last Thursday as the U.S. now leads the world in confirmed coronavirus cases.

As of March 30, there were 142,735 confirmed COVID-19 cases in the U.S. with 2,489 reported deaths. Nearly 42% of the nation's cases are in New York where confirmed cases have reached 59,648 with 965 deaths. Confirmed COVID-19 cases globally reached 724,346 and 34,007 people worldwide have succumbed to the disease.

During his address to Kentuckians last Saturday afternoon, Governor Andy Beshear announced 92 new confirmed cases, making that the biggest one-day jump thus far in the state. This brought the state's total to 394 confirmed coronavirus cases. Among these cases is a one-year-old infant who has tested positive for the virus.

By Sunday afternoon on May 29, the total number of confirmed cases in the commonwealth reached 439.

"This is why we have social distancing. This is a virus that spreads like wildfire," Governor Beshear said during his press conference on March 28. "...This requires us to be a commonwealth for the common good. In fact, it is a calling that our individual actions impact the safety and health of others."

Governor Beshear has continued to stress to everyone across the commonwealth the importance of social distancing in order to alleviate community spread of COVID-19.

According to the Science News website, people who become infected with the SARS-CoV-2 virus, or new coronavirus that causes COVID-19, may test positive both before and after they experience symptoms. The website also stated that a new study of nine people who contracted the virus in Germany suggested that people are mainly contagious before they have symptoms and within the first week of the disease.

According to the Center for Disease Control (CDC), the coronavirus is mainly spread from person-to-person contact. The CDC has also stated that it may be possible for someone to contract COVID-19 by touching an object or a surface that has the virus on it and then afterwards touching their own mouth, nose, and eyes.

In Kentucky, a total of 9 individuals that contracted the virus had passed away as of March 30.

With each passing, Governor Beshear has honored the tragic loss of life by lighting the Governor's Mansion and the Capitol dome green. Each time a life in the commonwealth is lost due to the coronavirus, Governor Beshear is requesting that fellow Kentuckians turn their lights green to show compassion for the family and also resilience as Team Kentucky.

"I want us to think about their families," Governor Beshear said. "I want us to pray for them and their loved ones."

Each day at 4 p.m. CT, Governor Beshear addresses the commonwealth with COVID-19 updates for the state. His press conference can be viewed on KET television, as well as live video on the Governor's Facebook page.

For more information concerning COVID-19, visit the state's website at <http://www.kycovid19.ky.gov/>.

The COVID-19 Reporting Hotline can be reached at 833-597-2337 and will investigate complaints about non-compliance with coronavirus mandates. Labor Cabinet personnel will monitor the hotline from 7:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. ET. Kentuckians can also make online complaints at kysafer.ky.gov.