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## Hospital employees receive Covid-19 shots



The first COVID-19 vaccinations occurred at Mercy Health – Marcum and Wallace Hospital Monday morning around 8 a.m. The first recipient of the vaccine was Dr. Maher Kassis. Pharmacist Trevor Freeman administered the vaccines. Photo Submitted

Mercy Health Hospital -- Marcum & Wallace Hospital began administering the first Covid-19 shots at 8 a.m. on Monday.

Ariel Estes, hospital spokesperson, said the hospital received 200 Moderna shots.

"Our vaccine distribution plans are being developed in alignment with CDC guidelines regarding which associates should receive the first doses of the vaccine," Estes stated.

"We anticipate we will initially receive a limited supply," she added, "and will follow a tiered prioritization framework that offers first access to frontline staff."

Ronnie Riddell, coordinator for Estill

County Emergency Services, said first responders will be getting the shots soon.

The first responders include firefighters and rescue personnel.

Because the shots are new, first responders are not going to be required to take them.

Riddell stated the Estill County Health Department will be coordinating the administering of Covid-19 shots within the county.

The health department closed on December 23 and will reopen on January 4. Because of the holiday closure, the health department could not be contacted about Covid 19 shots.

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Some Estill Countians got their wish for a white Christmas. Totals ranged from four inches and up. The snow was beautiful but it came with a price. Many accidents were reported on Christmas Eve night, and a lot of people were stranded. By noon Saturday, most roads were passable. The above scene was on Wisemantown Road. Tribune Photo/Cathy Dawes

FRIDAY  
JANUARY 1  
**HAPPY NEW YEAR**

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State Representative Bill Wesley

### Public is invited Sat. to the swearing-in of new representative

The public is invited to the swearing in of 91st District Representative Bill Wesley on Saturday at noon at the Estill County Courthouse.

Wesley will be sworn in by Michael Dean, Circuit Judge for the 23rd Judicial District which includes Estill, Lee, and Owsley counties and part of Madison.

Wesley is the first person from Estill County to be elected from the 91st District.

When the state legislature convenes on Tuesday, January 5, he will serve on the following committees: Natural Resources & Energy; Tourism and Outdoor Recreation, and Veterans, Military Affairs, and Public Protection

committees.

Wesley's committees were announced on December 17 by David Osborne, the House Speaker.

"I'm really pleased with these assignments and ready to get to work when we go in session in January. It is such a privilege to serve the district and represent my friends and neighbors and the people of this Commonwealth. I don't intend to take that privilege lightly, and look forward to working on legislation that will help everyone reach their potential, allow people to keep more of their hard-earned money, and provide opportunities for our region," Wesley, a veteran, stated.

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## Dec. 20 was last meeting of fiscal court until 2021

Judge/Executive Donnie Watson opened the fiscal court meeting on Monday, December 20 talking about Covid-19.

"It's really like a war," he stated.

He had recently lost a cousin in Ohio to the disease. His daughter works in a dialysis clinic.

Watson added that everyone must follow the directions of the CDC.

He discussed the construction at the EOC Building on Broadway. It was the first center built by CSEPP.

Other buildings have been constructed in Garrard, Fayette, Rockcastle, and Clark Counties after that.

Those later buildings were constructed by federal guidelines to withstand winds up to 250

miles per hour.

The construction will add a saferoom to the local EOC building to withstand winds up to 250 miles per hour. It is being paid for out of federal funds.

Watson said he is working on a grant to convert an old building at the road department into a homeless shelter.

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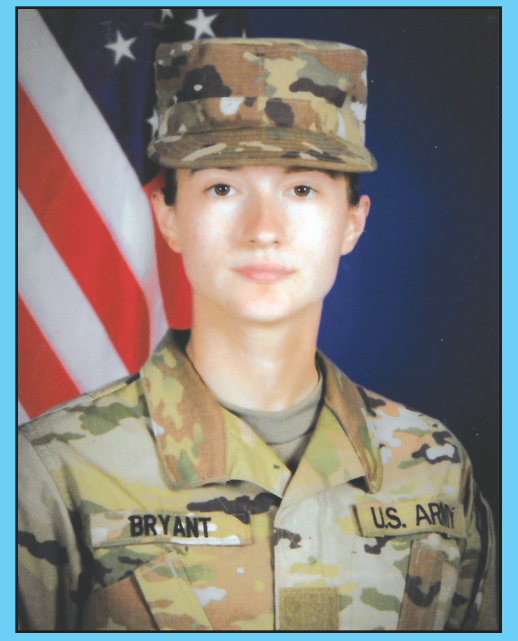
## Bryant graduates from Guard training

Congratulations PVT. Kaeli Bryant. She is the daughter of Kris and Ginny Bryant and a 2020 graduate of Estill County High School.

She has completed her first step with the Kentucky National Guard. Kaeli graduated from BCT on Oct. 29, 2020 and AIT on December 18, 2020, both at Fort Jackson, South Carolina.

Kaeli will begin college at Eastern Kentucky University in the spring.

Her family and friends are so proud of Kaeli and love her very much.



Pvt. Kaeli Bryant