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Kentucky Governor Wants McConnell Health Update

As the mystery over GOP Senator Mitch McConnell's medical condition continues, Democratic Kentucky Governor Andy Beshear asked the ailing senator to update Kentuckians and the rest of America about it.

Beshear wrote a short note today to express "growing concerns around the Senator's ability to serve."

Two journalists reported on Monday that McConnell is "brain dead," after which McConnell spear-carrier [Scott Jennings](#), a CNN talker, claimed to have spoken with the octogenarian.



AP Images
Andy Beshear

Meanwhile, X users are noting how similar the reports are from those who claimed to have spoken with McConnell on the phone.

On Wednesday, Gov. Andy Beshear sent a letter to the office of U.S. Sen. Mitch McConnell requesting an update on his health and well-being amid growing concerns around the Senator's ability to serve.

Read more: <https://t.co/ChF723jm4O> pic.twitter.com/3nsUqRAsl8

— Governor Andy Beshear (@GovAndyBeshear) [July 8, 2026](#)

Dead or Alive?

McConnell was rushed to the hospital on June 14 after he suffered "cardiac arrest" and hasn't been seen since.

GOP Senate Majority Leader John Thune of South Dakota [claimed that](#) he spoke with a "dialed in" McConnell, and his office reported that he was working from his hospital bed.

On Monday, independent journalists Laura Loomer and Desirée Townsend reported that McConnell was brain dead. Townsend disclosed the audio recording of the 911 traffic the day McConnell collapsed.

After reporting that a "high-level source close to the White House" told her McConnell was "brain dead" and "not coming back," Loomer explained that he "is being kept 'alive' by life support machines" and is "in organ failure."

Loomer's source said that doctors declared the 84-year-old a "vegetable."

Mitch McConnell is being kept "alive" by life support machines, but my White House source told me McConnell is in organ failure, and as I reported, source told me he has allegedly been declared a vegetable (brain dead) by doctors and the White House has been told "McConnell isn't...



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— Laura Loomer (@LauraLoomer) [July 6, 2026](#)

I have heard the same thing from my sources for days. At this point, I am at the hospital for when they eventually decide to move cut him off of life support and move his body. His Capitol police detail is still here as of 3:39pm ET. <https://t.co/tSTetm51de>

— Desirée Townsend (@Cheering4Change) [July 6, 2026](#)

"I heard the same thing from my sources," Townsend wrote.

At 12:52 yesterday, Jennings wrote about his conversation with McConnell as if nothing much was amiss.

"I spoke to my old friend Mitch McConnell this morning, the senior Senator from Kentucky," [Jennings claimed](#):

He's still recovering in the hospital. We talked for just shy of 20 minutes ... about IRAN, UKRAINE, the unfolding situation in MAINE, my visit to the TR Presidential Library, and even a little bit of Senate history. I told him we want to see him back at work as soon as possible.

Majority Whip John Barrasso of Wyoming also reported a call of "roughly 20 minutes." GOP Representative Jack Kimble of California claimed he spoke with McConnell "just shy of 45 minutes."

"He's so sharp," Kimble continued:

Just like always he let me do all of the talking. He's a great listener. After that we prayed silently for awhile and had a staring contest. Just like always, he beat me. I told him we want to see him back at work as soon as possible.

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— Rep. Jack Kimble (@RepJackKimble) [July 7, 2026](#)

X accounts noted the similarity in the claims.

The individuals releasing statements saying they spoke with McConnell all say they spoke with him for about 20 minutes: <pic.twitter.com/r9KzKImEX9>

— MeidasTouch (@MeidasTouch) [July 7, 2026](#)

Wow! Look at the script! <pic.twitter.com/Pk6vEiUTTK>

— Ken Colbert (@KColbertReport) [July 7, 2026](#)



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Beshear: What's Going on, Mitch?

Beshear wrote to McConnell today “requesting an update on his health and well-being amid growing concerns around the Senator’s ability to serve,” as the Democratic governor wrote on X.

“Over the last several weeks, Kentuckians have grown increasingly concerned about the current state of your health and wellbeing, and ability to hold office in the United States Senate,” [Beshear wrote](#):

As Governor, I request that you fully update Kentuckians regarding the current status of your health.

As public officeholders, we have made a commitment to our constituents to do our best to represent them and to always be transparent. I believe this requires clear communication about one’s ability to serve.

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July 8, 2026

The Honorable Mitch McConnell
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Dear Senator McConnell:

Over the last several weeks, Kentuckians have grown increasingly concerned about the current state of your health and wellbeing, and ability to hold office in the United States Senate.

As Governor, I request that you fully update Kentuckians regarding the current status of your health.

As public officeholders, we have made a commitment to our constituents to do our best to represent them and to always be transparent. I believe this requires clear communication about one's ability to serve.

We wish you a safe and speedy recovery.

Sincerely,


Andy Beshear
Governor



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information” about the senator’s health.

“The Governor’s administration has seen a rise in inquiries about the health status of the Senator,” the [release said](#):

Rather than contribute to the increased speculation unfolding in the media and public space, Gov. Beshear is reaching out directly to Sen. McConnell to make the request.

Special Election

McConnell will not run for re-election in November, and if he resigns or dies in office, Beshear would call a special election.

“Kentucky statutes do not lay out a timeline on when exactly the special election must be held, but there are several time requirements to give voters, candidates and political parties a chance to organize prior to an election, the *Courier Journal* in [Louisville explained](#):

Once the governor issues a proclamation, a copy must be sent to the sheriffs of each county [at least 63 days before the election](#). Then, political parties or organizations can file petitions and certificates of nomination, [with a deadline of 56 days before the election](#).

Citing a Republican legislator, the newspaper reported that a vacancy’s occurring near a general election would likely mean the special election would be held the same day.

The Occupy Democrats X feed speculated that McConnell’s people are withholding information to avoid setting a date for that election. “In Kentucky, a special election to replace a Senator will NOT be called if it’s closer than 3 months till the next election, and that date is August 3rd,” the [feed noted](#):

If a special election was called, Trump’s vocal critic Thomas Massie would certainly run and likely win — which would be a HUGE headache for Trump and his agenda. If he didn’t win, he would split the vote, allowing a Democrat like Charles Booker to fill the seat.

That’s why they’re trying to conceal his condition as long as possible.

BREAKING: Disturbing new allegations accuse Republicans of hiding Mitch McConnell’s health status in order to prevent a special election that could put Trump’s enemy Thomas Massie in the Senate!

This seems INCREDIBLY shady...

Independent journalist Desirée Townsend laid out the... pic.twitter.com/na2FrJvdTu
— Occupy Democrats (@OccupyDemocrats) [July 6, 2026](#)



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