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Buffalo Trace Distillery April 2025 Flood Update

FRANKFORT, KY (April 8, 2025) – Heavy rains across the state of Kentucky throughout the first week of April resulted in unprecedented levels of flooding specifically in Franklin County. Buffalo Trace Distillery, located on the banks of the Kentucky River in the city of Frankfort in Franklin County, was impacted by this historic storm. At peak, flood levels at the Distillery were the highest they have ever been recorded to-date.

As of Monday evening, the Kentucky River crested and it is expected that water levels will soon start to recede across the city of Frankfort. An initial leadership crew entered Buffalo Trace Distillery on Tuesday morning to begin assessing the overall impact to the total distillery infrastructure. At this time, the flood water levels are too high to provide a detailed assessment, but we can share that the flooding is extensive.

“Because Buffalo Trace Distillery has survived in its location on the Kentucky River for over 200 years, we have, unfortunately, experience in flood management and recovery. We initiated a preparation flood plan ahead of the surge. We were able to implement that plan late last week and are hopeful in doing so we will have mediated at least some of the damage. That said, we do expect the impact to be extensive and the recovery efforts to be significant and ongoing for some time,” said Jake Wenz, Sazerac & Buffalo Trace Distillery CEO and President.

It is expected that Buffalo Trace Distillery will be closed through Thursday, April 10th at a minimum. However, as this is a developing situation, visits may be impacted beyond that time. Information will continue to be provided as a clearer picture becomes available.

“Our hearts are with the rest of the community that has also been impacted by this devastation. Buffalo Trace Distillery will support relief efforts in the coming weeks to help Frankfort residents through this difficult time,” said Wenz. “We also want to say a heartfelt thank you to our dedicated team members, consumers, city and county officials, and vendor partners who have offered an incredible amount of support during this time. And finally, please accept our regrets to our fans that planned visits to the Distillery this week.”

Updates regarding operating hours and forthcoming relief initiatives will be made available via [@buffalotracedistillery](https://www.instagram.com/buffalotracedistillery) on Instagram – please follow along for real-time updates.

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About Buffalo Trace Distillery

Buffalo Trace Distillery is an American family-owned company based in Frankfort, Kentucky. The Distillery's rich tradition dates back to 1775 and it is a National Historic Landmark, as well as listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Its history includes such legends as E.H. Taylor, Jr., George T.

Stagg, Albert B. Blanton, Orville Schupp, and Elmer T. Lee. Buffalo Trace Distillery is a fully operational Distillery producing bourbon, rye and vodka on site. The Distillery has won more than 40 distillery titles since 2000 and garnered more than 1,000 awards for its wide range of premium whiskies. Its George T. Stagg was named Best Bourbon Whiskey at the 2023 International Whiskey Competition (USA) and its W.L. Weller 12 YO received double gold at the 2023 International Spirits Challenge. Buffalo Trace Distillery has a deep commitment to supporting charitable initiatives. Nonprofit organizations interested in learning more about the Distillery's efforts are encouraged to register their charity [here](#). To learn more about Buffalo Trace Distillery, visit www.buffalotracedistillery.com. To download images from Buffalo Trace Distillery, visit <http://www.buffalotracedistillery.com/media>.