



Kentucky Hospital Research & Education Foundation Emergency Preparedness Update for January 22, 2020

CDC Announces First U.S. Case of New Coronavirus in Washington State

(NPR) A Seattle-area man who recently traveled to China returned infected with the coronavirus responsible for at least 300 illnesses and at least six deaths. It's the first case of the disease reported in the U.S. Public health officials say the risk to the general public remains low.

A man in his 30s had returned home from - to Snohomish County in the middle of last week, and he started to feel off. So he called his doctor, and he told his doctor he traveled to Wuhan. That immediately triggered public health officials to suspect that he might have contracted this new coronavirus. He was taken to Providence Regional Medical Center in Everett, Wash., which is incidentally where Boeing makes its airplanes, and he was placed in isolation.

Learn more from 3 min podcast: <https://www.npr.org/2020/01/21/798252671/cdc-announces-first-u-s-case-of-new-coronavirus-in-washington-state>

CDC posts Interim Guidance for Healthcare Professionals
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/clinical-criteria.html>

CDC main page on the novel Corona virus

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>

CDC Alert - Level 2: Practice Enhanced Precautions

CDC Key Points

- There is an ongoing outbreak of pneumonia first identified in Wuhan, China, caused by a novel (new) coronavirus.
- Person-to-person spread is occurring, although it's unclear how easily the virus spreads between people.
- Preliminary information suggests that older adults and people with underlying health conditions may be at increased risk for severe disease from this virus.
- Travelers to Wuhan, China, should avoid contact with sick people, animals (alive or dead), and animal markets.
- Travelers from Wuhan to the United States, and other countries, may be asked questions about their health and travel history upon arrival. *[On arrival to the United States, travelers from Wuhan may undergo health screening, including having their temperature taken and filling out a symptom questionnaire. Travelers with signs and symptoms of illness (fever, cough, or difficulty breathing) will have an additional health assessment.]*
- The situation is evolving. Updates will be provided as more information becomes available.
- *For clinicians - Patients who traveled to Wuhan on or after December 1, 2019 and had onset of illness within 2 weeks of leaving, consider the novel coronavirus outbreak in China when evaluating a patient with these symptoms and notify infection control personnel and your local health department immediately.*

WATCH FOR UPDATES

We are expecting KY Public Health to have some state specific guidance coming out soon.

Emergency Preparedness Partners... **"You did good!"**

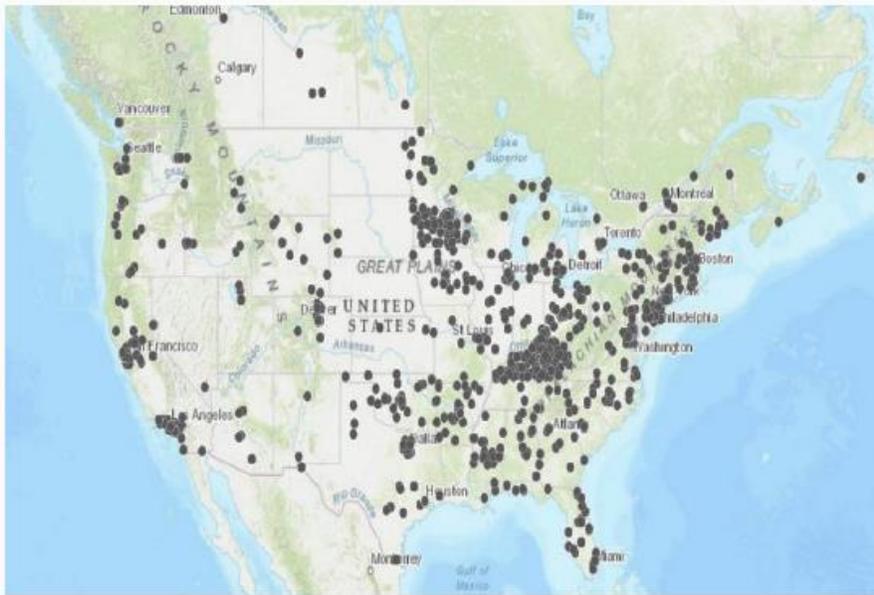
During EARTH EX III/19 more than 11,000 people spanning 1800 organizations and government agencies, 38 sectors, communities, and families participated from 40 nations, on every continent and nearly every major landmass, worldwide. The sponsors of this global exercise program, the *Electric Infrastructure Security (EIS) Council*, have made available a high level summary of the findings, a "Roadmap" for EarthEx 2020. The shared Lessons Learned are in the Roadmap available here:

<https://files.constantcontact.com/1f48bb80601/c0218152-b953-4a61-b11f-6b20105faf7a.pdf>

What I thought was really fascinating, though, was their top-level maps showing where across the globe participating organizations were located, based on registrations. Notice anything unusual?

The US map from the wrap-up report (page 23) tells an interesting story - **ABOUT US.** *Our Old Kentucky Home really stands out!*

North American Participation Locations



I think collectively we all did an outstanding job utilizing this exercise tool last year. ***I just never expected it to be “visible from space” so to speak.*** I know that I pushed this hard last summer, and the results showed a whole lot of you took the hint, and conducted programs for your organizations, communities and families. ***Way to go!***

Looking ahead, the report said, "EARTH EX achieved a historic milestone – an unprecedented, highly acclaimed all-sector 40 nation exercise that exceeded all previous records for resilience exercises. "

From the lessons learned, reviewed in the report, several

structural enhancement opportunities will be explored.

First, they want to provide a scalable structure that can be optimized for resilience training and awareness at multiple levels, to include families, communities, and organizations of all sizes. It will be focused on a global scale, and will likely include extreme “Black Sky”- class catastrophes that will *represent the most serious need* for such training and awareness.

Second, as part of the exercise content they will provide a focus on *critical resilience investment*. In other words, emphasize the urgent need for *Business Continuity Planning (or as many of you say “COOP” planning)*. EarthEx 2019 found that such planning, needed on all levels, is crucial to enable critical infrastructure to restore utilities and other critical components, thus sustaining the communities which depend on them.

**Registration for EARTH EX 2020 will be available in early February 2020.
Save the Date for EARTH EX 2020 - Online 1 September through 31 October.**

Here's something we don't have to deal with in KY...

It's so cold in Florida, NWS issues warning on "iguanas are falling from trees"

(Fox8) As the coldest air of the season spreads across the Eastern US, the National Weather Service in Miami issued a rare forecast regarding cold temperatures... but it was iguanas. "Don't be surprised if you see iguanas falling from the trees tonight," they tweeted Tuesday afternoon.



The concern for people in South Florida is that these iguanas often sleep in trees, so when their bodies go dormant, they appear to fall from the sky onto streets, cars, pools, or even people walking around. And since iguanas are large — adult males can reach 5 feet in length, and weigh up to 20 pounds — this can be dangerous if one lands on top of you.

Full story: <https://myfox8.com/2020/01/21/national-weather-service-warns-of-falling-iguanas/>

Pediatric Disaster Response and Emergency Preparedness (MGT-439) Course

Campbell County Fire Training Center
10 Training Center Drive, Highland Heights, KY
April 8-9, 2020; 8 AM - 5 PM each day (ET).

No course fee. Register by April 1st.

Register online at: <https://grgo.page.link/GFf4>

This course prepares students to effectively, appropriately, and safely plan for and respond to a disaster incident involving children, addressing the specific needs of pediatric patients in the event of a community based-incident. Pediatric specific planning considerations

include mass sheltering, pediatric-triage, reunification planning and pediatric decontamination considerations. This is not a hands-on technical course, but instead a management resource course for stakeholders like pediatric physicians, emergency managers, emergency planners, and members of public emergency departments like EMS, Fire, Police, Public Health, and Hospitals in field of disaster response and preparedness work.

This Course is delivered by National Emergency Response and Rescue Training Center (NERRTC), Texas Engineering Extension Service (TEEX).
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