



# Kentucky Hospital Research & Education Foundation Emergency Preparedness Update for February 8, 2020

## A Coronavirus First: American Reported Dead

(Newser) At least 700 people have been killed by the [coronavirus](#) in China, and the latest victim in Wuhan appears to be a first: a US citizen. Per a rep from the US Embassy in Beijing, a 60-year-old American died Thursday at Jinyintan Hospital, the first known American to succumb to the illness, [Reuters](#) reports. Sources tell the [New York Times](#) the patient was a woman who had previous health issues.

Per the [Washington Post](#), Japan is also reporting its first fatality: That country's Ministry of Foreign Affairs says a Japanese man in his 60s who lived in Wuhan died officially of "viral pneumonia," per Chinese medical officials. But Japanese broadcaster NHK notes the man had coronavirus-like symptoms and tested positive for it over a week ago, but he died before that result could be confirmed. Full story: <https://www.newser.com/story/286692/a-coronavirus-first-american-reported-dead.html>

## Global death toll for new coronavirus exceeds that of SARS, as China reports 89 more deaths

- China reported an additional 89 deaths on Sunday, bringing the total number of deaths in the mainland to 811.
- The global death toll for the new coronavirus currently stands at at least 813, including one death in the Philippines and another in Hong Kong.
  - That number exceeds the global number of deaths from SARS, which killed at least 774 people and infected 8,096 people worldwide in 2002 and 2003, according to data from the World Health Organization.
- The National Health Commission said on its website that 2,656 new cases were confirmed as of end Saturday. This brings the total number to 37,198 in mainland China.

Full story: <https://www.cbc.com/2020/02/09/coronavirus-china-death-toll-for-new-virus-exceeds-that-of-sars.html>

## CDC Interim Guidance on 2019-nCoV for EMS Systems and 911 PSAPs

(CDC) The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has published *Interim Guidance for EMS Systems and 911 Public Safety Answering Points (PSAPs) for 2019 Novel Coronavirus in the United States* (Interim Guidance). The Interim Guidance can be accessed at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/guidance-for-ems.html>. The Federal Interagency Committee on EMS (FICEMS) encourages all EMS and 911 stakeholders to review the Interim Guidance.

## The most up-to-date CDC information can be found at

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/>.

## When Kids Have to Act Like Parents, It Affects Them for Life

*Some people who have to be responsible for their siblings or parents as children grow up to be compulsive caretakers.*

Full story: <https://getpocket.com/explore/item/when-kids-have-to-act-like-parents-it-affects-them-for-life>

## Texas teen confronts bullies, meets horrible fate

*16 year old was murdered days later by a 15 year old*

Learn more: <https://www.newser.com/story/286702/teen-confronts-bullies-meets-horrible-fate.html>

## Feb. 19 AHA webinar on gun violence

([AHA Today Feb 8](#)) AHA's Hospitals Against Violence initiative Feb. 19 at 12 p.m. ET will host a webinar framing gun violence as a complex biopsychosocial disease. It seeks to advance the biopsychosocial model, apply it to gun violence, and identify opportunities for prevention and care that informs a health system's approach to reduce these deaths and injuries and make the communities we serve healthier and safer. [View more information and register.](#)

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