



Kentucky Hospital Research & Education Foundation Emergency Preparedness Update for February 13, 2020

Coronavirus cases in China just jumped by 14,000 — *but not for the reason you think!*

“We need to be very careful when interpreting any extremes.”

(VOX) Earlier this week, [stories](#) and tweets speculating about a downward trend in the number of [cases of Covid-19](#), the new coronavirus disease, cast a ray of hope on what’s been a remarkably worrisome outbreak. By Thursday morning, that hopeful tone vanished, as [news broke of a surge](#) in the [case and death toll](#) — to [60,363 and 1,370](#) respectively.

On Thursday, officials in Hubei province — the epicenter of China’s outbreak — added more than 14,000 new coronavirus cases to their tally. That was the single biggest increase in cases recorded in one day. The province’s death count also surged to 1,310, with 242 new deaths. But, the World Health Organization’s Mike Ryan, director of the agency’s health emergencies program said, “This is an artifact of the reporting,” — not a sign that the outbreak is spreading faster or further.”

Early on in an epidemic of a new disease, it’s not unusual for health officials to shift the definition of what they consider an official case as they learn about the disease or as they grapple with the resources they have to find and diagnose cases.

And that’s exactly what happened here. Read more: <https://www.vox.com/2020/2/13/21136307/coronavirus-china-virus-hubei-cases>

Related: 15th Case of Coronavirus in U.S. Confirmed in Texas Patient

The patient was a part of a group of people who were under a federal quarantine order at the JBSA-Lackland base near San Antonio

Learn more: <https://www.nbcdfw.com/news/local/15th-case-of-coronavirus-in-u-s-confirmed-in-texas-patient/2310541/>

**The U.S. president thinks the virus will clear up in April once temperatures begin rising
Chinese President Xi Jinping agreed with him during a recent dialogue between the two
Public Health experts disagree - want to know more**

Read more: <https://thehill.com/changing-america/well-being/prevention-cures/482532-trump-heat-will-kill-coronavirus>

Related MSN story: <https://www.msn.com/en-us/news/politics/trump-says-coronavirus-will-subside-in-spring-but-doctors-arent-so-sure/ar-BBZRB39?li=BBnb7Kz>

Johns Hopkins: Health Security Headlines Extracts from [February 13, 2020](#)

[Coronavirus Test Kits Sent to States Are Flawed, C.D.C. Says](#) (*New York Times*) Some of the coronavirus testing kits sent to state laboratories around the country have flaws and do not work properly, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said on Wednesday.

[CDC director: More person-to-person coronavirus infections in U.S. likely, but containment still possible](#)

(STAT) Health officials believe there is still opportunity to prevent widespread transmission of the coronavirus in the United States, the director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said Wednesday, even as he warned that more human-to-human transmission here is likely.

Legislation to legalize medical marijuana overwhelmingly clears House committee

(Kentucky Today and KY Forward News) Legislation to legalize medical marijuana in Kentucky easily won passage in a House committee on Wednesday.

Read more: <https://www.kyforward.com/legislation-to-legalize-medical-marijuana-overwhelmingly-clears-house-committee/>

Columbus Ohio may need a second morgue to handle drug overdose deaths

Franklin County experienced 10 overdose deaths on one day.

<http://abcnews.go.com/US/ohio-county-morgue-handle-drug-overdose-deaths-coroner/story?id=68936720>

ASPR TRACIE: Highly Pathogenic Infectious Disease Training and Exercise Resources Webinar March 5, 2020 @1:30-3:00 PM ET

The National Ebola Training and Education Center (NETEC) and ASPR's Technical Resources, Assistance Center, and Information Exchange (ASPR TRACIE) are partnering on a series of joint webinars featuring NETEC's suite of free, fully customizable, Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program (HSEEP)-compliant exercise materials, trainings, and other resources. ASPR TRACIE and NETEC have partnered on six previous webinars. In this webinar, speakers will highlight the following:

- The new online NETEC course Elements of Discussion-Based and Operations-Based Exercises Related to Ebola or Other Special Pathogens, which focuses on exercises specific to the care of a patient with Ebola or other special pathogen. The course also provides an overview of HSEEP and different types of compliant exercises. The course also outlines how to develop, conduct, and evaluate discussion and operation-based exercises, and the after action reporting and improvement plan processes.
- Two new NETEC exercise templates for Regional Ebola & Other Special Pathogen Treatment Centers and Regional Partners:
 - Ebola Drill, Functional & Full Scale Exercise Template for a surge of 2 Ebola Patients
 - Respiratory Pathogen Tabletop Exercise Template on 10 Patient Airborne Transmissible Pathogen Other ASPR TRACIE and NETEC resources will also be highlighted. The webinar will take place Thursday, March 5 from 1:30-3:

REGISTRATION LINK is in the FLYER (link below) for this free webinar; it will also be recorded and archived on the ASPR TRACIE website. Please note that registration is limited to the first 1,000 participants.

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More info and registration link: <https://files.asprtracie.hhs.gov/documents/aspr-tracie-netec-exercise-and-training-tools-webinar-flyer.pdf>

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