



# Kentucky Hospital Research & Education Foundation Emergency Preparedness Update for February 17, 2020

## Coronavirus cases top 71,000

(CNN - Feb 17) Here are some of the top updates being covered by [CNN in this update](#):

- More cases: The [novel coronavirus](#) has infected [more than 71,000 people around the world](#), mostly in mainland China. The [death toll](#) is 1,775, [including five people](#) outside mainland China.
- Cruise ship evacuation: Another 99 cases have been confirmed aboard the quarantined Diamond Princess cruise ship in Japan. The US has [evacuated](#) more than 300 Americans from the ship. Canada, Italy and Hong Kong are also sending flights for their citizens.
- 13 people evacuated from cruise ship moved to Nebraska
- UNICEF says it needs over \$42 million to respond to the coronavirus
- 467 people in the US have been investigated for coronavirus
- Why the World Health Organization isn't calling the coronavirus outbreak a pandemic

These and more from CNN: <https://www.cnn.com/asia/live-news/coronavirus-outbreak-02-17-20-intl-hnk/index.html>

## China is literally laundering its money to contain the coronavirus

Read more: <https://www.cnn.com/2020/02/17/asia/china-is-disinfecting-cash-coronavirus-intl-hnk-scli/index.html>

## The sudden US evacuation of the Diamond Princess raises questions and anger about the quarantine

Read more: <https://www.cnn.com/2020/02/16/asia/coronavirus-outbreak-diamond-cruise-us-evacuation-intl-hnk/index.html>

## How COVID-19 Kills: *The New Coronavirus Disease Can Take A Deadly Turn*

NPR Story: <https://www.npr.org/sections/goatsandsoda/2020/02/14/805289669/how-covid-19-kills-the-new-coronavirus-disease-can-take-a-deadly-turn>

## Taiwan records its first COVID-19 death as global toll passes 1,600

A 61-year-old man from central Taiwan with underlying health problems but no recent overseas travel history died in hospital on Saturday after testing positive for the virus, officials confirmed. A 50-year-old male relative of the victim was later confirmed to have contracted the virus, although he was not showing any symptoms.

Read more: <https://www.channelnewsasia.com/news/asia/coronavirus-covid19-taiwan-first-death-12439978>

## Extracts from Johns Hopkins: Health Security Headlines from [February 17, 2020](#)

### [Biologists rush to re-create the China coronavirus from its DNA code](#)

(MIT Technology Review) The world is watching with alarm as China struggles to contain a dangerous new virus, now being called SARS-CoV-2. It has quarantined entire cities, and the US has put a blanket ban on travellers who've been there. Health officials are scrambling to understand how the virus is transmitted and how to treat patients. But in one University of North Carolina lab, there's a different race. Researchers are trying to create a copy of the virus. From scratch.

[A Coronavirus Quarantine in America Could Be a Giant Legal Mess](#) (The Atlantic) For observers in the United States, it was shocking enough when, in January, the Chinese government effectively sealed off Wuhan, larger in population than New York City. Officials shut down public transportation and blocked highways, confining residents and visitors alike in an attempt to stop the spread of the new coronavirus.

[Coronavirus: China's surgical mask shortage ripples through global supply chain as health crisis continues](#) (South China Morning Post) Since the beginning of February, Kent Cai Mingdong, a native of Ningbo city in eastern China, has been in Indonesia scouring local pharmacies for as many surgical masks as he can buy to send to health care professionals and frontline workers back home, where a chronic shortage of protective gear is exacerbating the battle against the coronavirus outbreak.

**Flu cases creep up for third week in a row;  
Nine more Kentuckians have died from it  
*Get a flu shot!***

Full story: <https://www.kyforward.com/flu-cases-creep-up-for-third-week-in-a-row-nine-more-kentuckians-have-died-from-it-get-a-flu-shot/>

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**21 States Reject \$18 Billion Bid to Settle Opioid Litigation**

<https://news360.com/article/520644376>

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**KY Safety & Prevention Alignment Network (KSPAN) Meeting**

Wednesday February 19, 2020 - 10 AM to 4 PM ET

KACo Building, 400 Englewood Dr., Frankfort, KY

To **download the full agenda** and bios of the speakers click [HERE](#) or go to <https://kspan.egnyte.com/dl/CeD4gxvZ5W>

Please click [HERE](#) to register or go to [www.safekentucky.org](http://www.safekentucky.org).

If you have any problems registering please email [steve.sparrow@uky.edu](mailto:steve.sparrow@uky.edu)

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**CDC EPIC Webinar: *Fundamentals of Emergency Planning for Schools***

February 19, 1 - 2 PM ET

Click [here](#) to learn more about this webinar, including continuing education options.

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**FEMA Region IV Seeks Youth Leaders for National Youth Preparedness Council**

([FEMA-Atlanta](#)) Youth from communities across the Southeast are encouraged to apply for FEMA's national Youth Preparedness Council. The Council provides an opportunity for young leaders to share their perspectives, feedback, and opinions related to preparedness, and grow their leadership skills while supporting the resilience of their communities.

"FEMA's Youth Preparedness Council is developing the next generation of emergency managers and community leaders. These teens recognize the importance of preparedness and are making their communities safer and more resilient," said Gracia Szczech, Regional Administrator for FEMA Region IV, which includes the states of Alabama, Florida, Georgia, **Kentucky**, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Tennessee.

Students in 8th through 11th grades may apply through a written or video response at <https://community.fema.gov/applytoYPC>. Youth who are interested in applying must submit a completed application form, two letters of recommendation, academic records, and a list of extracurricular activities. All applications and supporting materials must be received before 9 p.m. ET/10 p.m. CT, on March 8. Students who apply for the national Youth Preparedness Council also will be considered for Region IV's Youth Preparedness Council. To learn more about the Youth Preparedness Council and the application process, visit [ready.gov/kids/youth-preparedness-council](http://ready.gov/kids/youth-preparedness-council).

The KHREF Emergency Preparedness Update is assembled several times a week. When events make it necessary, the Update may be sent out several times a day to keep our hospital and the healthcare community advised on preparedness news and information. Most of this information is compiled from open sources, and where possible reference links will be provided. There is an archive of [Emergency Preparedness Updates available here](#). If you would like to add or delete, or have something you would like to contribute to a future edition of the Emergency Preparedness Update, please contact [rbartlett@kyha.com](mailto:rbartlett@kyha.com) (include your current email address). The preparedness program for the Kentucky Hospital Association (KHA) and KHREF are supported by US DHHS ASPR HPP funds through a contract with Kentucky Public Health.

**Kentucky Office of Rural Health**  
**Hosting statewide *EMS Listening Tour* in February, March**

The Kentucky Office of Rural Health will host a **statewide Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Listening Tour** in February and March, making stops in eight communities across the Commonwealth to better gauge the current state of rural EMS services.

Tour sessions will allow EMS professionals, hospital and clinic administrators and staff, health department staff, state and local government officials, community members and other interested parties the opportunity to share their insights about the strengths, challenges and needs of Kentucky's EMS agencies.

The EMS Listening Tour includes the following stops:

- **February 25 in Columbia** (Adair County Cooperative Extension Office, 409 Fairground Street)
- **February 26 in Calvert City** (Kentucky Dam Village State Resort Park, 113 Administration Drive)
- **February 27 in Hartford** (Ohio County Cooperative Extension Office, 1337 Clay Street)
- **March 2 in Williamstown** (Grant County Public Library, 201 Barnes Road)
- **March 3 in Bardstown** (My Old Kentucky Home State Park, 501 E. Stephen Foster Avenue)
- **March 10 in Berea** (Historic Boone Tavern, 100 Main Street)
- **March 11 in Morehead** (Morehead Conference Center, 111 East First Street)
- **March 12 in Hindman** (Hindman Settlement School, 51 Center Street)

All Listening Tour sessions will run from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Coffee and light refreshments will be served.

You can download an event flyer [here](#).

If you plan to attend any of these sessions, please register [here](#). (You are encouraged to attend the session closest to your home community.)

For more information about the EMS Listening Tour, please contact Scott Helle, Rural Outreach Coordinator, at 606-439-3557 or [scott.helle@uky.edu](mailto:scott.helle@uky.edu).