



Kentucky Hospital Research & Education Foundation Emergency Preparedness Update for April 1, 2020

KY COVID-19 Update

(Governor's Office) As of 5 p.m. April 1, the Governor said there were 680 cases of COVID-19 in Kentucky, 93 of which were newly confirmed. Over 10,000 tests have been conducted. There were two new deaths reported Wednesday, raising the state's toll to 20 deaths related to the virus.

The Governor also shared information about COVID-19 cases that have been linked to a failure of social distancing at a church revival in Hopkins County, which was held following his order to end in-person services. Dozens of people in the community had fallen ill after they attended a church revival in Dawson Springs and did not then self-isolate themselves. The health official said Hopkins County has connected 24 positive cases and two deaths to the revival contacts.

Gov. Beshear also said he and his staff are working every day to secure more equipment. A recent count of the state's health care resources found 18,500 hospital beds, 1,300 ICU beds and 1,352 ventilators, though the Governor said those resources have been added to in recent weeks. He also said "I can confirm we've done more than 10,000 tests." He said more tests coming in will make it easier to deploy resources.

The Kentucky National Guard was being called into action to help feed the commonwealth's seniors, families and displaced workers during the coronavirus pandemic. National Guard members will deploy to four regional food bank warehouses: Dare to Care Food Bank in Louisville; Feeding America, Kentucky's Heartland in Elizabethtown; Freestore Foodbank in Wilder; and God's Pantry Food Bank in Lexington. Members will sort and pack food into bags and boxes, and distribute that food through "no-touch" deliveries in communities across the commonwealth.

Emergencies can make people vulnerable to scams. Gov. Beshear and Dr. Steven Stack, commissioner for the Department for Public Health, warned Kentuckians to be wary of coronavirus testing scams. The Governor said there were both at-home tests being sold and some drive-up testing operations being reported.

Full press release: <https://kentucky.gov/Pages/Activity-stream.aspx?n=GovernorBeshear&prId=112>

Law enforcement investigating pop-up coronavirus testing sites for scams, officials say

Story link: <https://www.courier-journal.com/story/news/2020/03/31/coronavirus-test-sites-operate-without-louisvilles-knowledge/5100299002/>

Suspicious pop-up COVID-19 test site in Louisville abruptly closes after being questioned

A pop-up coronavirus testing site gets questioned by media and Metro Council President David James at Shorty's Food Mart in West Louisville.

Read more: <https://www.courier-journal.com/videos/news/2020/04/01/suspicious-covid-19-testing-site-louisville-abruptly-closes/5107810002/>

Coronavirus surge: How ready are Kentucky's hospitals to handle the coming storm?

Story link: <https://www.courier-journal.com/story/news/2020/03/31/kentucky-hospitals-prepare-for-covid-19-surge/2923107001/>

Experts question practicality of testing in COVID-19 response

(CIDRAP) As the country now looks to Apr 30 as a tentative expiration date on nationwide physical distancing measures, public health experts have started publishing [roadmaps](#) and [guidelines](#) meant to direct reopening society in the face of the novel coronavirus pandemic.

These projections, though, hinge on widespread testing, which can help determine who has had the virus, who should remain quarantined, and who is at risk for infection. In theory, these roadmaps, which are often presented in stages, would help open up society safely.

Read more: <http://www.cidrap.umn.edu/news-perspective/2020/04/experts-question-practicality-testing-covid-19-response>

CBS: Coronavirus updates: U.S. virus cases surpass 200,000

More than 200,000 people have been infected with coronavirus in the U.S., according to [Johns Hopkins University](#). More than 4,500 people have died from the virus across the country.

Emergency room doctors have told CBS News the coronavirus epidemic is scaring them like nothing they've dealt with before. The White House has confirmed that its own modelling shows between 100,000 and 240,000 are likely to die before the crisis is over, even if people heed social distancing guidelines.

Detailed [information from the CDC on coronavirus](#) treatment and prevention.

Full CBS Update: <https://www.cbsnews.com/live-updates/coronavirus-pandemic-covid-19-latest-news-2020-04-01/>

CMS Outlines Flexibilities to Fight COVID-19

(This is a summary of various CMS actions to give hospitals flexibilities to deal with COVID-19.)

CMS link: <https://www.cms.gov/files/document/covid-hospitals.pdf>

The Joint Commission Coronavirus Resources

<https://www.jointcommission.org/covid-19/?ref=TJCAL20>

- **TJC on Use of Face Masks Brought from Home:** https://www.jointcommission.org/-/media/tjc/documents/resources/patient-safety-topics/infection-prevention-and-hai/covid19/public_statement_on_masks_from_home.pdf
- Granting Privileges During Disasters
 - FAQ - General: <https://www.jointcommission.org/standards/standard-faqs/hospital-and-hospital-clinics/emergency-management-em/00002275/>
 - FAQ - Telehealth: <https://www.jointcommission.org/standards/standard-faqs/hospital-and-hospital-clinics/emergency-management-em/00002276/>
 - [CMS Expanded Telehealth Services](#)
- **TJC Recommendations - 5 key steps for finding extra capacity:**
<https://www.modernhealthcare.com/opinion-editorial/during-covid-19-experts-outline-5-key-steps-finding-extra-hospital-capacity>

ASPR TRACIE offers COVID-19 Resources **Link: [Novel Coronavirus Resources Page](#)**

- [Planning resources](#) (e.g., alternate care sites, crisis standards of care);
- [Federal COVID-19 websites](#);
- [Select technical assistance requests](#) (e.g., drive-through testing, fatality management, staff absenteeism, and telehealth);
- [ASPR TRACIE-developed infectious disease resources](#) (e.g., self-care modules for healthcare providers, the hospital pharmacy disaster calculator, and a personal protective equipment planning tool); and
- [Select comprehensive Topic Collections](#) related to pandemic planning and response.
- [ASPR TRACIE COVID-19 Alternate Care Site Resources](#)
 - [COVID-19 Alternate Care Site Staffing](#)
- [ASPR TRACIE COVID-19 Crisis Standards of Care Resources](#)
 - [Rapid Expert Consultation on Crisis Standards of Care for the COVID-19 Pandemic](#)
- [ASPR TRACIE COVID-19 Critical Care Surge Resources](#)
 - [Critical Care Planning – COVID-19 Quick Notes](#)
- [Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services Current Emergencies Information](#) (which includes links to relevant waivers)

If you have any COVID-19 promising practices, plans, tools, or templates to share with your peers, please visit the ASPR TRACIE Information Exchange COVID-19 [Information Sharing Page \(registration required\)](#) and place your resources under the relevant topic area.

Please continue to monitor the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) webpage](#) for the most current clinical guidance on outbreak management.

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