



Kentucky Hospital Research & Education Foundation Emergency Preparedness Update for April 27 - **UPDATE #1**

Gov. Beshear Details Next Phases in Reopening of Health Care Industry

This phased reopening of health care services is the first step under the [Healthy at Work](#) initiative the Governor introduced to help businesses restart operations safely when the time is right. The initiative set out [public health benchmarks](#) for reopening Kentucky's economy. These benchmarks closely follow the [White House's Guidelines for Reopening America](#).

Today, under Phase 1, health care practitioners can resume non-urgent/emergent health care services, diagnostic radiology and lab services in:

- Hospital outpatient settings;
- Health care clinics and medical offices;
- Physical therapy settings, chiropractic offices and optometrists;
- Dental offices (but with enhanced aerosol protections)

This initial [Phase 1](#) does not apply to long-term care settings, prisons and other industries or other settings, nor does it apply to elective surgeries or procedures.

[Phase 2](#) is set to begin Wednesday, May 6. At that time, outpatient surgeries and other invasive procedures can resume, though hospital and care facilities will have to meet strict guidelines.

[Phase 3](#) is scheduled to start Wednesday, May 13. Hospitals and care facilities can begin doing non-emergency surgeries and procedures at 50% of their pre-COVID-19-era patient volume.

Officials want the final stage, [Phase 4](#), to begin Wednesday, May 27. At that point, most of the restrictions on types of procedures and volume will be left to the facilities to determine. However, oversight and guidelines meant to ensure that capacity remains in the system will continue.

Dr. Stack emphasized that this is a [phased, gradual reopening of services](#) and that any COVID-19 resurgence may require adjustment. For full guidance on criteria for reopening and new best practices, [click here](#). The Governor added that more industry reopening dates would be announced soon.

KHA Guidance on Resuming Elective Procedures:

<http://www.kyha.com/assets/docs/COVID19/KHAStatementOnResumingElectiveProcedures.pdf>

Masks : The Governor said that by May 11, everybody working for an essential business that is reopening should be wearing a mask. Going to the grocery, into any place of business or any place where social distancing of keeping at least six-feet apart might be broken, the Governor said every Kentuckian should be wearing a mask.

Case Information: As of 5 p.m. April 27, Gov. Beshear said there were at least 4,146 coronavirus cases in Kentucky, 87 of which were newly confirmed.

Unfortunately, Gov. Beshear also reported five new deaths Monday, raising the state's toll to 213 deaths related to the virus. Today's totals for cases and deaths include one that is being listed as a "probable case" pending more investigation.

Full press release: <https://kentucky.gov/Pages/Activity-stream.aspx?n=GovernorBeshear&prld=146>

City of Lexington joins ribbon campaign to support area nurses, health care workers on front lines

(KyForward News) The City of Lexington is joining the Kentucky Nurses Association's Apricot Ribbon Campaign to honor and celebrate Lexington's nurses and other health care workers on the front lines. Working with local hospitals and health care providers, Lexington is installing ribbons of honor downtown, near hospitals



and at many health care facilities including UK Chandler Hospital, UK Good Samaritan Hospital and Eastern State Hospital. Long before the pandemic erupted, the World Health Organization named 2020 "The Year of the Nurse" in honor of the 200th birthday of modern nursing founder, Florence Nightingale.

The ribbon campaign officially launched this morning at University of Kentucky Chandler Hospital, where Gorton joined Kentucky Nurses Association Bluegrass Chapter members and UK HealthCare nurses to recognize the first apricot and white ribbons being placed

in Lexington.

The colors were chosen for a reason, officials said. The apricot ribbon represents nursing, and is the color of optimism and warmth. White is a universal color of faith and hope that represents all of those on the front lines of health care who are delivering essential services each day.



Full story: <https://www.kyforward.com/city-of-lexington-joins-ribbon-campaign-to-support-area-nurses-health-care-workers-on-front-lines/>

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**201 hospitals furloughing workers in response to COVID-19
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Learn more: <https://www.beckershospitalreview.com/finance/49-hospitals-furloughing-workers-in-response-to-covid-19.html>

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[Global COVID-19 deaths top 200,000](#) (CIDRAP) The global COVID-19 death toll passed 200,000 today, with brisk activity continuing in US hot spots and growing in others. In Brazil, hospitals in several major cities are nearing collapse after surges of sick patients.

[Transforming ORs into ICUs](#) (NEJM) Treating patients in New York City, the global epicenter of the Covid-19 pandemic — where there have been more than 15,000 deaths attributed to Covid-19 to date— has required innovative solutions to problems of limited resources.

[Ex-Officials Call For \\$46 Billion For Tracing, Isolating In Next Coronavirus Package](#) (NPR) Two leading former federal health officials, who served in recent Republican and Democratic administrations, are spearheading a call for a \$46 billion public health investment in a next coronavirus aid package in order to safely reopen the economy.

[This Japanese Island Lifted Its Coronavirus Lockdown Too Soon and Became a Warning to the World](#) (Time) Japan's northern island of Hokkaido offers a grim lesson in the next phase of the battle against COVID-19. It acted quickly and contained an early outbreak of the coronavirus with a 3-week lockdown. But, when the governor lifted restrictions, a second wave of infections hit even harder. Twenty-six days later, the island was forced back into lockdown.

[The success of a Covid-19 vaccine will hinge on its delivery](#) (STAT) The lesson learned from a long history of using vaccines to fight massively disruptive diseases like smallpox and Ebola is that the vaccine itself is not enough. Like a good punch line, it's all about the delivery.

**Second Louisville EMS unit in a week rolled after being struck
LMPD noticing more speeding, reckless driving due to lower traffic volume**

Read more: https://www.wdrb.com/news/lmpd-noticing-more-speeding-reckless-driving-due-to-lower-traffic-volume/article_f46ef9f2-88b3-11ea-a3ff-1b6577834651.html

[CIDRAP Daily Headlines](#) for April 27, 2020

[US food processing plants become COVID-19 hot spots](#)

Meat and cheese plants across the country close in light of COVID-19 infections in employees.

[Study: Many asymptomatic COVID-19 cases undetected](#)

Twenty-seven (56%) of 48 nursing home residents had no symptoms when tested, but 24 of the 27 later did.

The next developing problem area: "Food supply chain is breaking"

Learn more: <https://www.cbsnews.com/news/tyson-foods-chairman-food-supply-chain-breaking-meat-plant-shutdowns-coronavirus-pandemic/>

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