



Kentucky Hospital Research & Education Foundation Emergency Preparedness Update for April 29, 2020

Governor Outlines Road Ahead for Gradual Reopening of Businesses

(Frankfort) Gov. Andy Beshear on Wednesday laid out the state's plan to gradually reopen business activities while continuing to keep Kentuckians safe from the novel coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19). The Governor unveiled a tentative reopening schedule for a variety of businesses allowed to resume operations. However, he cautioned that in all cases, it will not be business as usual and will require adherence to [the 10 rules to reopening](#), along with industry specific requirements.

Case information: As of 5 p.m. April 29, Gov. Beshear said there were at least 4,539 coronavirus cases in Kentucky, 184 of which were newly confirmed. Unfortunately, Gov. Beshear also reported 10 new deaths Wednesday, raising the state's toll to 235 deaths related to the virus. Today's totals for cases and deaths include one that is being listed as a "probable case."

Full press release: <https://kentucky.gov/Pages/Activity-stream.aspx?n=GovernorBeshear&prId=148>

Fauci says data on remdesivir raises COVID-19 hopes

(Reuters) The top U.S. infectious disease official said Gilead Sciences Inc's experimental antiviral drug remdesivir will become the standard of care for COVID-19 after early results from a key clinical trial on Wednesday showed it helped patients recover more quickly from the illness caused by the coronavirus. Preliminary results from a U.S. government trial showing that patients given remdesivir recovered 31% faster than those given a placebo, were hailed by Dr. Anthony Fauci as "highly significant."

Interest in remdesivir has been high as there are no approved treatments or preventive vaccines for COVID-19, and doctors are desperate for anything that might alter the course of the disease that attacks the lungs and can shut down other organs in severe cases.

The new data "offers a glimmer of hope" that remdesivir has an effect against COVID-19, but more scientific analysis is needed "comparing them to other studies of the drug that have shown mixed results," he said in a statement.

Also on Wednesday, results were published by the Lancet medical journal of a trial conducted in China that concluded remdesivir failed to improve patients' condition or reduce the pathogen's presence in the bloodstream. Gilead said previously that those findings were inconclusive because the study was terminated early.

Full story: <https://www.reuters.com/article/us-health-coronavirus-gilead-remdesivir/data-on-gilead-drug-raises-hopes-in-pandemic-fight-fauci-calls-it-highly-significant-idUSKBN22B1T9>

Kentucky Fairgrounds Field Hospital Open, But Empty

Read more: <https://wfpl.org/kentucky-fairgrounds-field-hospital-open-but-empty/>

Trump rejects a new normal: 'This is going away'

(ABC) With the White House social distancing guidelines set to expire Thursday, Trump told reporters that they'll likely be "fading out" as Vice President Mike Pence said they're largely already incorporated into the new reopening guidelines for states.

The president continued to tout the country's testing capacity as "superior" on Wednesday but walked back his assertion that the U.S. will hit 5 million tests a day "very soon" -- claiming he never said that, when he had said it at an East Room event on Tuesday.

Read more: <https://abcnews.go.com/Politics/coronavirus-government-response-updates-trump-wh-social-distancing/story?id=70406822>

New tool connects hospitals with compounders who can provide drugs in shortage.

(AHA Today) The Alliance for Pharmacy Compounding has [launched](#) a free tool for connecting hospitals with 503B outsourcing facilities, or alternatively, 503A sterile compounding pharmacies, which can supply shortage drugs to treat COVID-19.

U.S. coronavirus outbreak soon to be deadlier than any flu since 1967 as deaths top 60,000

U.S. deaths from the novel coronavirus topped 60,000 on Wednesday and the outbreak will soon be deadlier than any flu season since 1967, according to a Reuters tally.

America's worst flu season in recent years was in 2017-2018 when more than 61,000 people died, according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention [here](#)

The only deadlier flu seasons were in 1967 when about 100,000 Americans died, 1957 when 116,000 died and the Spanish flu of 1918 when 675,000 died, according to the CDC.

Read more: <https://www.reuters.com/article/us-health-coronavirus-usa-casualties/u-s-coronavirus-outbreak-soon-to-be-deadlier-than-any-flu-since-1967-as-deaths-top-60000-idUSKBN22B32C>

CDC: US COVID-19 death toll likely higher than reported

Nearly 70 Dead in 'Horrific' Coronavirus Outbreak at Massachusetts Nursing Home
<https://news360.com/article/527005745>

CDC GUIDANCE FOR CLEANING AND DISINFECTING PUBLIC SPACES, WORKPLACES, BUSINESSES, SCHOOLS, AND HOMES

CDC Guidance: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/reopen-guidance.html>

Printed materials:

CDC link: https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/pdf/Reopening_America_Guidance.pdf

CDC link: https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/pdf/ReOpening_America_Cleaning_Disinfection_Decision_Tool.pdf

CDC Covid-19 What's New?

- ✓ [Coronavirus and Travel in the United States](#) Wednesday, April 29, 2020
- ✓ [Contact Tracing](#) Wednesday, April 29, 2020
- ✓ [Downloadable Videos](#) Wednesday, April 29, 2020
- ✓ [Testing in the U.S.](#) Wednesday, April 29, 2020
- ✓ [Contact Tracing : Part of a Multipronged Approach to Fight the COVID-19 Pandemic](#) Wednesday, April 29, 2020
- ✓ [COVID-19 Serology Surveillance Strategy](#) Tuesday, April 28, 2020
- ✓ [What To Do if You Are Sick](#) Tuesday, April 28, 2020
- ✓ [Environmental Cleaning and Disinfection Recommendations](#) Tuesday, April 28, 2020
- ✓ [Cleaning and Disinfecting Your Facility](#) Tuesday, April 28, 2020
- ✓ [Clinical Care Guidance for Healthcare Professionals about Coronavirus \(COVID-19\)](#) Tuesday, April 28, 2020
- ✓ [Guidance for U.S. Healthcare Facilities about Coronavirus \(COVID-19\)](#) Tuesday, April 28, 2020
- ✓ [Frequently Asked Questions and Answers: Coronavirus Disease-2019 \(COVID-19\) and Children](#) Tuesday, April 28, 2020

InfraGard NCR, DHS, and HHS Weekly Webinar Series *Securing the Health Sector*

Protecting healthcare facilities from IEDs

Friday, May 2, at 1 pm ET

>> [Click here for registration and connection information](#)

In the second offering of this new series, InfraGardNCR, DHS and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services are partnering to inform the private sector, state and local government first responders, and public healthcare professionals of physical security challenges facing healthcare, medical manufacturing, and research communities due to their criticality to the COVID-19 response. This week's webinar focuses on domestic improvised explosive device (IED) incidents. Since 2017, U.S. healthcare facilities have experienced at least 247 IED incidents, ranging from bomb threats to suspicious packages. What's the threat landscape? What are common vulnerabilities for healthcare stakeholders? And what are some best practices to prevent IED incidents? ***Join on Friday and find out.***

HHS/ASPR COVID-19 Clinical Rounds

These interactive virtual learning sessions aim to create a peer-to-peer learning network where clinicians from the U.S. and abroad who have more experience treating patients with COVID-19 share their challenges and successes; a generous amount of time for participant Q & A is also provided. Register for Thursday's sessions below.

Thursday, April 30, 12:00-1:00 PM ET
Emergency Department: Patient Care and Clinical Operations
[Click here for registration](#)

Join presenters to discuss emergency management resources and information that can be utilized to improve effective hospital and emergency department function during the COVID-19 pandemic.

More Upcoming Sessions

- Mondays, 12:00-1:00 pm ET– Topic Focus: Patient Care and Operations: EMS
- Tuesdays, 12:00-1:00 pm ET– Topic Focus: Critical Care: Lifesaving Treatment and Clinical Operations

If you miss a session find the recordings online on the University of New Mexico's Project ECHO website. Click to join the HHS/ASPR COVID-19 Clinical Rounds email list.

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 (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.