



# Kentucky Hospital Research & Education Foundation Emergency Preparedness Update for May 5, 2020

## Despite steps to reopen, most in US still wary of COVID-19 risks

(CIDRAP) A [new poll](#) from the *Washington Post*–University of Maryland shows most Americans are still too hesitant about the novel coronavirus to eat in restaurants or shop in stores.

Of those polled, 67% said they would be uncomfortable going to a retail store, and 78% say they would be uncomfortable in a sit-down restaurant. Fifty-six percent of participants, however, said they were comfortable going to a grocery store. Gyms and movie theaters ranked high on the list of businesses Americans say are not safe to reopen.

Surprisingly, opposition to opening is equally high in states that have and have not lifted stay-at-home orders in recent days. And although Democrats are more likely to oppose opening the economy than Republicans, members of both political parties said they would not feel safe with rapid reopening.

The *Washington Post* said not much has changed when it came to Americans' fear of contracting COVID-19. As was the case 2 weeks ago, 63% of Americans say they are either very or somewhat worried about getting the virus and becoming seriously ill, with 36% saying they are either not too worried or not at all worried.

Full story: <https://www.cidrap.umn.edu/news-perspective/2020/05/despite-steps-reopen-most-us-still-wary-covid-19-risks>

### ----- [WLKY](#) LATEST COVID-19 NUMBERS:

Kentucky - 5,822 cases; 275 deaths | Indiana - 21,033 cases; 1,213 deaths

Interactive charts: [County-by-county breakdown of cases](#); [Tracking the curve](#)

- There are 14 additional deaths in Kentucky, one of the deaths is a 35-year-old man from Jefferson County.
- Kentucky is reports 635 new cases, 309 of the new cases are from Green River Correctional facility. 95 of those cases are Jefferson County residents.

Governor Beshear Press Release: <https://kentucky.gov/Pages/Activity-stream.aspx?n=GovernorBeshear&prld=153>

## ----- New AHA Report Finds Financial Impact of COVID-19 on Hospitals and Health Systems to Be Over \$200 Billion through June

A [new report](#) released today confirms the tremendous financial strain that hospitals and health systems on the front lines in the fight against COVID-19 are under. Today's report from AHA estimates a total financial impact of \$202.6 billion in losses resulting from COVID-19 expenses and lost revenue for hospitals and health systems over the four-month period from March 1, 2020, to June 30, 2020 – or an average of over \$50 billion in losses a month.

For this report, the total financial impact on hospitals and health systems includes the costs of COVID-19 hospitalizations, the impact of canceled and foregone services due to COVID-19 on hospital revenue, the additional costs associated with purchasing needed personal protective equipment, and the costs of additional support some hospitals are providing to their workers. For example, some hospitals are providing child care, housing and transportation for their front line caregivers and other employees.

The financial impact estimates in this report do not include other important costs borne by hospitals, such as the increases in drug and labor costs that have resulted from the pandemic. The extent of these increases on hospitals will be better understood as more data becomes available. It is also important to understand that the report estimates costs through June 30, 2020, and it remains to be seen how quickly life will return to normal across the country in the months to come. Hospitals will likely continue to see lower service use while treating COVID-19 patients beyond June 30, which would result in continued financial pressures.

### ----- CDC updates guidance for COVID-19 isolation, health care work safety

(AHA today) The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention this week updated guidance designed to keep health care personnel safe during the COVID-19 pandemic, along with patient isolation strategies to ensure consistency in CDC's criteria for patient discontinuation of transmission-based precautions and health care personnel return-to-work guidance. CDC's [updated symptom-based strategy](#) for discontinuing isolation for COVID-19 patients and health care personnel now recommends a uniform "10-and-3" policy in which isolation is maintained for at least 10 days after illness onset and at least three days after recovery. In this guidance, CDC defines illness onset as the date symptoms begin; recovery is defined as fever resolution without the use of fever-reducing medications and progressive improvement or resolution of other symptoms.

The agency also issued updated and revised policies for the following:

- [return-to-work criteria](#) for health care personnel with confirmed or suspected COVID-19;
- [evaluation and testing](#) of individuals for COVID-19; and [discontinuation](#) of transmission-based precautions and disposition of patients with COVID-19 in health care settings.

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***New from the [Johns Hopkins Center for Health Security](#)***

**National Action Plan for Expanding and Adapting the Healthcare System  
or the Duration of the COVID Pandemic**

The COVID-19 (COVID) pandemic has led to unprecedented action and innovation in the US healthcare system; at the same time, it has presented extraordinary challenges and risks. Through dramatic augmentation of surge capacity, deferral of other services, and implementation of crisis standards of care, hospitals in many locations have been able to absorb the blow of the first peak of COVID cases and continue to provide lifesaving care to both COVID patients and others with life-threatening emergencies. There is an urgent near-term need to address key challenges faced now by healthcare facilities and healthcare workers in the pandemic, and this current crisis also has made painfully apparent the many vulnerabilities of our healthcare system and the longer-term structural reforms that are necessary to sustain it. This report offers answers and recommendations related to several problems, for which there are tractable solutions.

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**COVID-19 immunity passports and vaccination certificates:  
scientific, equitable, and legal challenges**

*(The Lancet)* With a potential vaccine against coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) many months away, one proposal that some governments have suggested, including Chile, Germany, Italy, the UK, and the USA, is the use of immunity passports—ie, digital or physical documents that certify an individual has been infected and is purportedly immune to SARS-CoV-2. Individuals in possession of an immunity passport could be exempt from physical restrictions and could return to work, school, and daily life. However, immunity passports pose considerable scientific, practical, equitable, and legal challenges.

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**EMS/Pre-Hospital Resources released by the  
Federal Healthcare Resilience Task Force EMS/Pre-hospital Team include:**

[COVID-19: Considerations, Strategies and Resources for EMS Crisis Standards of Care](#)

[Burnout, Self-care and COVID-19 Exposure for First Responders](#)

[Burnout, Self care and COVID-19 Exposure for Families of First Responders](#)

[Epidemiology for COVID-19 EMS Providers: What You Need to Know](#)

[COVID-19 Disinfection of Structural Firefighting PPE](#)

[COVID-19 Behavioral Health Resources for First Responders](#)

[PPE Supply for EMS](#)

[Managing Patient and Family Distress Associated with COVID-19](#)

[Mitigating Absenteeism by Protecting EMS Clinician's Psychological Health and Well-being during the COVID-19 Pandemic](#)

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**CDC Coronavirus What's News?**

- [Testing in the U.S.](#) Tuesday, May 5, 2020
- [Cases in U.S.](#) Tuesday, May 5, 2020
- [Data Visualization](#) Tuesday, May 5, 2020
- [Use of Cloth Face Coverings to Help Slow the Spread of COVID-19](#) Tuesday, May 5, 2020
- [Interim Guidelines for Collecting, Handling, and Testing Clinical Specimens from Persons for Coronavirus Disease 2019 \(COVID-19\)](#) Tuesday, May 5, 2020
- [First Responders and Law Enforcement](#) Tuesday, May 5, 2020
- [Strategies for Optimizing the Supply of PPE](#) Tuesday, May 5, 2020
- [Cases & Latest Updates](#) Tuesday, May 5, 2020
- [Staffing Resources](#) Tuesday, May 5, 2020
- [Laboratory Capacity](#) Tuesday, May 5, 2020

- [CDC Grows SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19, in Cell Culture](#) Tuesday, May 5, 2020
- [How to Protect Yourself](#) Tuesday, May 5, 2020
- [Information for Health Departments on Reporting Cases of COVID-19](#) Tuesday, May 5, 2020
- [Information for Healthcare Professionals](#) Tuesday, May 5, 2020
- [COVID-19 Travel Recommendations by Country](#) Tuesday, May 5, 2020
- [Care for Breastfeeding Women](#) Tuesday, May 5, 2020
- [What to Know About Liver Disease and COVID-19](#) Tuesday, May 5, 2020
- [Interim Guidance for Businesses and Employers](#) Tuesday, May 5, 2020
- [Evaluating and Reporting Persons Under Investigation \(PUI\)](#) Tuesday, May 5, 2020
- [Criteria for Return to Work for Healthcare Personnel with Confirmed or Suspected COVID-19 \(Interim Guidance\)](#) Tuesday, May 5, 2020

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**ASPR TRACIE Webinar:**  
**COVID-19: Healthcare System Operations Strategies and Experiences**  
 May 11, 2020 from 2-3:30 PM ET  
[Click here](#) to view the flyer (and list of speakers) and register!

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InfraGard Series - Securing the Health Sector  
**Understanding and Mitigating Risks of Active Shooter**  
 Friday, May 8, at 1 pm ET.

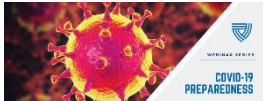
[Click here to register for the webinar.](#)

You must register in advance to attend the webinar.  
 After you register, you'll receive connection details from GoToWebinar.  
 If you can't join us live, you'll be able to access a recording of the webinar.  
 You can send any questions to [infragardncr@fbi.gov](mailto:infragardncr@fbi.gov).

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**UPCOMING NETEC WEBINARS**

NETEC is hosting two upcoming webinars in our COVID-19 webinar series.



Friday, May 8th at 2 PM ET/1:00 PM CT for their webinar on  
**Long Term Care: Strategies to Care for Vulnerable Populations**

and

Wednesday, May 13th **PPE Townhall**

**You've got questions?**

**We've got answers.**

at 12 Noon ET/11:00 AM CT.

[To learn more and REGISTER](#)

<https://mailchi.mp/5ca91f7cd443/webinar-upcoming-netec-webinars?e=710c95fc5f>

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**NIOSH Webinar on Considerations for Purchasing International Respirators**

On Thursday, May 7 at 1:00 p.m. (ET), The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) is hosting a webinar on factors to consider when planning to purchase respirators from another country, including KN95 respirators from China

This webinar will discuss the common pitfalls of purchasing respirators internationally to help buyers make informed procurement decisions to keep their workers safe. The considerations presented in this webinar will help to maximize the likelihood of obtaining safe and effective products.

See the [NIOSH webpage](#) for more information about the webinar, including the panel of speakers, or go directly to the [webinar registration page](#).

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.