



Kentucky Hospital Research & Education Foundation Emergency Preparedness Update for May 20, 2020

EMS for Children Day

KBEMS recognizes agencies as part of EMS for Children Day

Lexington, Ky. – As part of EMS for Children Day May 20, which also falls during EMS Week, the Kentucky Board of Emergency Medical Services (KBEMS) and its Kentucky EMS for Children (KYEMSC) Pediatric Recognition program is proud to recognize the following EMS agencies who go beyond what is required by the state in terms of providing pediatric care:



“Children make up a small number of the patients we see in EMS. While that is clearly a good thing, it also means we have less direct experience in meeting their unique needs. EMS providers must make a deliberate effort to remain proficient in caring for children,” said KYEMSC Project Director [Morgan Scaggs](#). “These agencies have demonstrated that they are committed to improving emergency pediatric care and they are raising the bar for everyone.”

KYEMSC developed the Voluntary EMS Pediatric Recognition program to acknowledge EMS agencies that go beyond what is required by the state in pediatric care by completing the additional program requirements.

To be recognized, an agency must designate a pediatric emergency care coordinator to ensure integration of the unique needs of pediatric patients into all aspects of emergency care, comply with national recommendations for pediatric equipment carried on the ambulance and engage in pediatric-focused community outreach activities. There are also requirements for additional pediatric-related continuing education and annual demonstration of pediatric skill competency for all EMTs and paramedics.

This is the third year for the recognition program and all participating agencies will need to reapply annually to demonstrate their continued commitment to excellence in pediatric emergency care. KYEMSC commends the agencies above for their dedication to meeting the needs of the children in their communities.

To colorfully *SEE* the list of services: <https://spark.adobe.com/page/8CkopeEfiXs12/>

KY COVID Updates

(From Governor's Press Release) As of 5 p.m. May 20, Gov. Beshear said there were at least 8,167 coronavirus cases in Kentucky, 166 of which were newly confirmed Wednesday. Unfortunately, Gov. Beshear also reported 10 new deaths Wednesday, raising the total to 376 Kentuckians lost to the virus.

Full Press Release: <https://kentucky.gov/Pages/Activity-stream.aspx?n=GovernorBeshear&prId=174>

Press Release on CARES Act funding <https://kentucky.gov/Pages/Activity-stream.aspx?n=GovernorBeshear&prId=173>

Battelle CCDS System

The Kentucky Battelle CCDS system to sterilize N95 masks is still operational. Agencies and organizations can ship, via FedEx, N95 masks to the KY Expo Center for decontamination, and receive a return shipment by FedEx, *at no cost to the user*. Register at www.battelle.org/decon. If you have questions e-mail: ky.seoc.operations@ky-em.org

Kentucky Colonels to award \$2.1 million in grants; \$1.3 million helping those impacted by COVID-19

Read more: <https://www.kyforward.com/kentucky-colonels-to-award-2-1-million-in-grants-1-3-million-helping-those-impacted-by-covid-19/>

NEW - ASPR TRACIE COVID Webinar

Ensuring Healthcare Safety Throughout the COVID-19 Pandemic Webinar

June 2, 2-3 PM ET

[Register today!](#)

ASPR TRACIE, in collaboration with the HHS/FEMA COVID-19 Healthcare Resilience Task Force, is hosting this webinar to share experiences and lessons learned from healthcare systems who have planned, implemented, and managed operational adaptations due to COVID-19 in their organizations to strengthen healthcare resilience and maintain safety. Topics will include necessary changes in care delivery that were implemented in response to COVID-19, transparency and learning across organizations during a crisis, the role of healthcare leaders in ensuring workforce safety, leadership rounding during COVID-19, and healthcare safety and human factors challenges posed by COVID-19. [Register today!](#)

NEW - ASPR TRACIE Healthcare Facility Onboarding Checklist

During a pandemic or other emergency, healthcare facilities face significant challenges to quickly onboard (credentialing) additional healthcare providers when hospital admissions and ICU occupancy increase rapidly. This onboarding checklist can ensure new employees are compliant with administrative requirements, familiar with the mission and culture of the hospital, and understand

expectations: <https://files.asprtracie.hhs.gov/documents/healthcare-facility-onboarding-checklist-fillable-final.pdf>

CDC Coronavirus [What's New?](#)

- [CDC releases resources to assist states to open](#) Wednesday, May 20, 2020
- [Cases in U.S.](#) Wednesday, May 20, 2020
- [Interim Considerations for Infection Prevention and Control of Coronavirus Disease 2019 \(COVID-19\) in Inpatient Obstetric Healthcare Settings](#) Wednesday, May 20, 2020
- [COVID-19 Infection Prevention and Control in Healthcare Settings: Questions and Answers](#) Wednesday, May 20, 2020
- [Information for Pediatric Healthcare Providers – Multisystem Inflammatory Syndrome in Children \(MIS-C\)](#) Wednesday, May 20, 2020
- [Travelers Prohibited from Entry to the United States](#) Wednesday, May 20, 2020
- [Serology Testing for COVID-19](#) Wednesday, May 20, 2020
- [Resources for Laboratories Working on Coronavirus \(COVID-19\)](#) Wednesday, May 20, 2020
- [Travel: Frequently Asked Questions and Answers](#) Wednesday, May 20, 2020
- [Frequently Asked Questions about Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) for Laboratories](#) Wednesday, May 20, 2020
- [Coronavirus and Travel in the United States](#) Wednesday, May 20, 2020
- [Publications about COVID-19 for Laboratories](#) Wednesday, May 20, 2020
- [Children and Coronavirus Disease 2019 \(COVID-19\): Tips to keep children healthy while school's out](#) Wednesday, May 20, 2020
- [Cruise Ship Crew Member Disembarkations](#) Wednesday, May 20, 2020
- [Healthcare Provider and Facility Guidance for Non-US Settings](#) Wednesday, May 20, 2020
- [Staffing Resources](#) Wednesday, May 20, 2020
- [Reporting COVID-19 Laboratory Data](#) Wednesday, May 20, 2020
- [Considerations for Public Pools, Hot Tubs, and Water Playgrounds During COVID-19](#) Wednesday, May 20, 2020
- [Interim Clinical Guidance for Management of Patients with Confirmed Coronavirus Disease \(COVID-19\)](#) Wednesday, May 20, 2020
- [Talking with children about Coronavirus Disease 2019](#) Wednesday, May 20, 2020
- [Caring for Children](#) Wednesday, May 20, 2020
- [Help Stop the Spread of COVID-19 in Children](#) Wednesday, May 20, 2020
- [COVID-19 Travel Recommendations by Country](#) Wednesday, May 20, 2020
- [For Parents: Multisystem Inflammatory Syndrome in Children \(MIS-C\) associated with COVID-19](#) Wednesday, May 20, 2020
- [Help Children Learn at Home](#) Wednesday, May 20, 2020
- [What Workers and Employers Can Do to Manage Workplace Fatigue during COVID-19](#) Tuesday, May 19, 2020

The KHEREF 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 KHEREF are supported by US DHHS ASPR HPP funds through a contract with Kentucky Public Health.