



Kentucky Hospital Research & Education Foundation Emergency Preparedness Update for May 28, 2020

KY COVID Updates

113 new cases today; Total is 9,184
221,118 total tests to date; about 20,000 new cases today/about 300 serology
3181 patients have recovered to date
9 new deaths were reported; Total is now 409

Kentucky unemployment website experienced April 'data breach'

(Fox19) Kentucky officials reported Thursday what Gov. Andy Beshear described as a "data breach" in the state's unemployment insurance web portal. The so-called breach took place on April 23, according to a release from Kentucky's Education and Workforce Development Cabinet.

EWDC says its Office of Technology Services received a report at 9:17 a.m. on that day saying some unemployment insurance claimants could potentially view the identity verification documents uploaded by others. OTS took the unemployment insurance portal down completely at 11:30 a.m. By noon, EWDC says, the system had been changed to ensure no one was able to view any uploaded documents. By midnight, the security team had patched the software to correct the problem permanently.

"There are no indications that the UI system was infiltrated from the outside," Deputy Secretary Josh Benton said. "This was only a situation that could potentially be viewed by other UI claimants." Benton added no additional incidents have been reported and that an ongoing technology investigation has been ongoing since then to make sure the system is secure.

Read more and video: <https://www.fox19.com/2020/05/28/kentucky-unemployment-website-experiences-data-breach/>

Full press release: <https://kentucky.gov/Pages/Activity-stream.aspx?n=GovernorBeshear&prId=187>

America's COVID-19 death toll crossed the 100,000 mark yesterday Another 2 million Americans filed for unemployment

[According to Reuters](#), a record 40.767 million people filed joblessness claims since Mar 21, when most states enacted stay-at-home mandates that shuttered non-essential businesses.

But despite the partial reopening of all 50 states, the economy is slow to recover from the dramatic losses. Unemployment claims have dropped the last 8 weeks—from hitting a record 6.867 million in late March—but have not fallen below 2 million since Mar 21.

Today the Johns Hopkins University [COVID-19 tracker](#) noted 1,711,313 US cases and 101,129 fatalities, a total reached in just under 4 months.

Among the fatalities are [299 US health care workers](#), according to the latest data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). The CDC said 63,136 healthcare professionals have contracted the virus in the last 4 months. Six weeks ago, the CDC had only [recorded 27 fatalities, among 9,000 infections](#).

Full story: <https://www.cidrap.umn.edu/news-perspective/2020/05/100000-deaths-40-million-jobless-us-confronts-grim-covid-19-realities>

5 days of remdesivir for COVID-19 may be enough

(CIDRAP) Results from an ongoing phase 3 [study](#) published yesterday in the *New England Journal of Medicine* showed no significant difference in the clinical status of hospitalized COVID-19 patients not requiring mechanical ventilation after a 5-day course of the antiviral drug remdesivir compared with patients who had a 10-day course.

Learn more: <https://www.cidrap.umn.edu/news-perspective/2020/05/5-days-remdesivir-covid-19-may-be-enough>

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FDA authorizes COVID-19 emergency use of protective gowns, other apparel. The Food and Drug Administration this week [authorized](#) the emergency use of certain personal protective equipment to help address insufficient supply due to the COVID-19 pandemic. FDA is allowing health care personnel to use the following otherwise-unapproved items, provided there is "no adequate, approved, and available alternative" during the COVID-19 public health emergency:

- conductive shoes and shoe covers;

- operating-room shoes;
- surgical apparel accessories;
- non-surgical isolation gowns;
- operating-room shoe covers;
- surgical helmets; and
- surgical caps.

These gowns and other apparel are authorized under the emergency use authorization when intended for use by health care personnel in health care settings, and in accordance with Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommendations to protect personnel and patients from the transfer of SARS-CoV-2 in low- or minimal-risk-level situations. This includes authorized gowns and other apparel decontaminated using a decontamination system that has been issued an [EUA](#).

FDA reminds health care facilities to use proper N95 sterilization processes. The Food and Drug Administration yesterday issued [a reminder](#) to health care facilities' reprocessing staffs to follow the agency-outlined decontamination cycle when using the ASP STERRAD Sterilization System to decontaminate N95 or N95-equivalent respirators for reuse via vaporized hydrogen peroxide. FDA April 11 authorized the device's emergency use for the duration of the COVID-19 pandemic. To ensure continued safe use of the device, the agency is repeating its sterilization process recommendations, which include material and cycle consideration, as well as agency-developed instructions and a fact sheet.

Extracts from CDC Corona Virus [What's News?](#)

- [Information for Sanitation and Wastewater Workers on COVID-19](#) Thursday, May 28, 2020
- [Travelers Prohibited from Entry to the United States](#) Thursday, May 28, 2020
- [Cases in U.S.](#) Thursday, May 28, 2020
- [Communication Resources for Travelers](#) Thursday, May 28, 2020
- [Travel: Frequently Asked Questions and Answers](#) Thursday, May 28, 2020
- [Coronavirus and Travel in the United States](#) Thursday, May 28, 2020
- [Standard Operating Procedure \(SOP\) for Triage of Suspected COVID-19 Patients in non-US Healthcare Settings](#) Thursday, May 28, 2020
- [Staffing Resources](#) Thursday, May 28, 2020
- [Resources for Businesses and Employers](#) Thursday, May 28, 2020
- [COVID-19 Forecasts for the United States](#) Thursday, May 28, 2020
- [Testing in the U.S.](#) Thursday, May 28, 2020
- [Schools & Childcare: Guidance for School Settings](#) Thursday, May 28, 2020
- [Considerations for Pharmacies during the COVID-19 Pandemic](#) Thursday, May 28, 2020
- [What You Can Do](#) Thursday, May 28, 2020
- [How to Wash Cloth Face Coverings](#) Thursday, May 28, 2020
- [Screening clients for respiratory infection symptoms at entry to homeless shelters](#) Thursday, May 28, 2020
- [COVID-19 By the Numbers](#) Thursday, May 28, 2020
- [COVID-19 Forecasts: New Hospitalizations](#) Wednesday, May 27, 2020
- [Households Living in Close Quarters](#) Wednesday, May 27, 2020

CDC Open America Resources

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/php/open-america/staffing.html>

Key Concepts

- **Strengthening the public health workforce.** Enhancing frontline public health capacity in state, local, tribal, and territorial health departments to intensify the coordinated response to COVID-19 is critical.

Resources from CDC

CDC is using a multi-pronged approach to help enhance and complement the efforts of state, tribal, local, and territorial staff. This initiative will help health departments with the staffing resources they need for their programs to get and keep America open.

- [Federal Resources for COVID-19 Contact Tracing Staffing](#) This fact sheet describes several ways health departments can access additional staffing for COVID-19 contact tracing, including through State Service Commissions and AmeriCorps Programs, CDC, and FEMA.
- [COVID-19 Staffing Guidance](#) CDC COVID-19 staffing guidance for state, tribal, local, and territorial health departments.
- [CDC's COVID-19 Response Corps](#) The COVID Response Corps is a part of CDC'S multi-pronged approach to help enhance and complement the efforts of state, tribal, local, and territorial staff through innovative hiring mechanisms. This initiative will help provide access to a variety of mechanisms to complement local efforts to increase workforce capacity.
- [CDC Foundation: COVID-19 Corps Jobs](#) In support of CDC'S COVID-19 Response Corps, the CDC Foundation is urgently recruiting candidates for critical positions nationwide. Interested parties should go to the CDC Foundation website and apply directly for positions.
- [COVID-19 Training Resources](#) CDC's COVID-19 trainings are available on TRAIN, a national learning network that provides training opportunities to professionals who protect and improve the public's health.

FDA - [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) Update: Daily Roundup](#) for May 28th
 FDA actions on EUAs, N95 respirators, COVID-19 diagnosis, and more in its ongoing response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

[Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) Update: FDA Provides New Tool to Aid Development and Evaluation of Diagnostic Tests That Detect SARS-CoV-2 Infection](#) from May 27

FDA provides SARS-CoV-2 reference panel to ensure the quality of the tests, validation of new assays, test calibration, and monitoring of assay performance.

ASPRTRACIE Resource
New! Rural Health and COVID-19

[This document](#) discusses strategies for managing some of the challenges faced by rural areas specific to COVID-19. The challenges are grouped into two main categories: those specific to healthcare facilities, and those related to at-risk populations who reside in rural areas.

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 added or deleted, 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.