



Kentucky Hospital Research & Education Foundation Emergency Preparedness Update for May 30, 2020

Gov. Beshear Provides Update on Louisville Demonstrations, COVID-19

(Frankfort) Gov. Andy Beshear on Saturday said, as the state continues to address the novel coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19), outside groups are poised to create violence against peaceful demonstrators and law enforcement, in the demonstrations related to the death of Breonna Taylor.

This morning, the Governor issued a [video message](#) and [signed a letter](#) to deploy approximately 350 Kentucky National Guardsmen to help provide safety and protection to the citizens of Louisville. He added that the demonstrations started out peacefully, but especially last night, outside groups moved in and are trying to create violence and harm to everybody who is on the streets.

"We can't let our streets turn violent," the Governor said. "Breonna's sister, Juniyah, has stated violence would disrespect her family's wishes."

Case updates: As of 4 p.m. May 30, Gov. Beshear said there were at least 9,704 coronavirus cases in Kentucky, 247 of which were newly confirmed Saturday. Friday's cases were up a fair amount, the Governor said, "We have been reviewing the data from yesterday, and nearly half of the new cases were from long-term care, accounting for more than 37%, and another 9% of cases were from congregate care settings, mainly the federal prison in Lexington."

He added, "We are reviewing today's data to see if the pattern is continuing, which is largely a result of our expansive testing initiative in long-term care facilities."

Unfortunately, Gov. Beshear reported 13 new deaths Saturday, raising the total to 431 Kentuckians lost to the virus. Full press release: <https://kentucky.gov/Pages/Activity-stream.aspx?n=GovernorBeshear&prid=193>

Night 3 of Louisville protests: National Guard mobilizes as protesters continue past curfew

(WLKY) Protesters shouted "no justice, no peace" as the crowd continued to grow. Protestors spreading into Louisville Highlands area.

Link with video: <https://www.wlky.com/article/protesters-gather-in-downtown-louisville-calling-for-justice-in-breonna-taylor-case-1590786860/32715803>

Protests spread nationwide

(CNN) Protests have [erupted in at least 30 US cities](#) over the death of unarmed black man George Floyd at the hands of a police officer in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Protesters say they want to see charges for all four police officers involved in the death of Floyd.

Learn more: <https://www.cnn.com/us/live-news/george-floyd-protests-05-30-20/index.html>

Global COVID-19 total passes 6 million

(CIDRAP) The global COVID-19 total topped 6 million cases today, as Brazil's cases hit new daily highs and as large numbers continue to be reported in other large countries such as the United States, Russia, and India.

It took only 9 days for illnesses to rise from 5 million to 6 million, which is 3 days less than it took for totals to rise from 3 million to 4 million, and from 4 million to 5 million. The global total is at 6,014,117, and 367,627 people have died from their infections, according to the Johns Hopkins [online dashboard](#).

Full story & more detail: <https://www.cidrap.umn.edu/news-perspective/2020/05/global-covid-19-total-passes-6-million>

Gov. Beshear signs order allowing Ky. residents to renew driver's licenses, ID cards remotely

Link to this article: https://www.wdrb.com/news/gov-beshear-signs-order-allowing-ky-residents-to-renew-drivers-licenses-id-cards-remotely/article_67f1986e-a1e9-11ea-95da-97d2180b1231.html

CDC was 'never blind' to early spread of coronavirus within the US

<https://www.cnn.com/2020/05/29/health/cdc-director-coronavirus-early-spread-us-bn/index.html>

CDC forecast projects more than 123,000 total coronavirus deaths by June 20

<https://us.cnn.com/webview/us/live-news/us-coronavirus-update-05-29-20/index.html>

Saturated hospitals, airlifts as California border region virus cases surge

(Reuters) - Coronavirus cases are surging in a scorching hot desert region straddling south California and a city near Mexico's Tijuana, leading to saturated hospitals, a cross-border overspill of patients and airlifts from rural U.S. clinics.

For the past two weeks, Imperial County's largest hospital has used helicopters to fly some patients to other clinics, including those over 100 miles (160 km) away in San Diego and Palm Springs, because its intensive care unit is full.

Read more: <https://www.reuters.com/article/us-health-coronavirus-mexico-california/saturated-hospitals-airlifts-as-california-border-region-virus-cases-surge-idUSKBN235391>

What we mean by a 'second peak' of coronavirus

<https://www.cnn.com/2020/05/27/health/second-peak-coronavirus-explained-trnd/index.html>

U.S. senators offer bill to prepare for the next pandemic

U.S. senators offered a bipartisan \$3 billion plan on Thursday to prepare for the next global health crisis, putting a premium on fighting disease outbreaks and pandemics like COVID-19.

Full story: <https://www.reuters.com/article/us-health-coronavirus-usa-senate/u-s-senators-offer-bill-to-prepare-for-the-next-pandemic-idUSKBN2343BB>

Questions and Anxiety Mount Over COVID-19 Workplace Safety

<https://wfpl.org/questions-and-anxiety-mount-over-covid-19-workplace-safety-as-more-businesses-reopen/>

Trump to extend National Guard's COVID-19 mission after bipartisan pressure

Read more: <https://abcn.ws/2M97qzr>

The Military's Response to Coronavirus Could Look Different if a Second Wave Hits

<https://news360.com/article/529272310>

Trump announced the US will pull out of the WHO. What does that actually mean?

Learn more: <https://www.cnn.com/2020/05/19/us/trump-who-funding-threat-explainer-intl/index.html>

Cancer, coronavirus are a dangerous mix, new studies find

(AP) New research shows how dangerous the coronavirus is for current and former cancer patients. Those who developed COVID-19 were much more likely to die within a month than people without cancer who got it, two studies found.

They are the largest reports on people with both diseases in the United States, the United Kingdom, Spain and Canada. In one [study](#), half of 928 current and former cancer patients with COVID-19 were hospitalized and 13% died. That's far more than the various rates that have been reported in the general population.

Full story: <https://apnews.com/22e14f21fcf5935307a5a0b3810ae20e>

VA says it'll stop almost all use of unproven drug on vets

(AP) — Veterans Affairs Secretary Robert Wilkie said Thursday that his department has all but stopped use of an unproven malaria drug on veterans with [COVID-19](#). (Note- Reference is to hydroxychloroquine.)

The department, which is the nation's largest hospital system, has recently been turning to remdesivir. Preliminary results from a major study found reduced recovery time, as well as convalescent plasma.

Read full story: <https://apnews.com/d4a7850aa3452304fd4ad553fdc3e098>

FDA finds contamination in several brands of diabetes drug

<https://news360.com/article/529440046>

New Zealand Vanquished Coronavirus. It's Setting Its Sights on HIV

<http://newser.com/s291548>

One of Earth's coldest places is having a record-breaking heat wave

(NBC) Heat wave sparks concerns about devastating wildfire season and melting permafrost. One of the coldest regions on Earth has been experiencing a record-breaking heat wave in recent weeks amid growing fears about devastating wildfires and melting permafrost.

Khatanga, a town in Siberia's Arctic Circle, registered highs of over 80 degrees Fahrenheit this week, according to Accuweather, far above the 59 degrees F historical average, as the whole of western Siberia basked in unseasonable warmth.

Learn more: <https://www.nbcnews.com/news/world/climate-concerns-siberia-experiences-record-breaking-heat-n1216351>

C-suite employees most vulnerable to cyber attacks

C-suite executives are most likely to ask for relaxed mobile security protocols, new research published by MobileIron has found shows.

Over three-quarters (76 percent) of such executives admitted to having requested a waiver on enterprise security protocols last year, the company's study revealed, despite these workers being the most vulnerable within their organization to fall to security scams.

Full story: <https://www.techradar.com/news/c-suite-employees-most-vulnerable-to-cyber-attacks>

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