



Kentucky Hospital Research & Education Foundation Emergency Preparedness Update for June 1, 2020

US cities fear protests may fuel new wave of virus outbreaks

(AP) — The massive protests sweeping across U.S. cities following the police killing of a black man in Minnesota have sent shudders through the health community and elevated fears that the huge crowds will lead to a new surge in cases of the coronavirus.

Some leaders appealing for calm in places where [crowds smashed storefronts](#) and destroyed police cars in recent nights have been handing out masks and warning demonstrators they were putting themselves at risk.

Minnesota's governor said too many protesters weren't socially distancing or wearing masks after heeding the call earlier in the week. But many seemed undeterred.

Even for the [many protesters](#) who have been wearing masks, those don't guarantee protection from the coronavirus. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends cloth masks because they can make it more difficult for infected people to spread the virus — but they are not designed to protect the person wearing the mask from getting it.

Full story: <https://apnews.com/ae27c6f51e97f4eaddb528b3f5027848>

KY Gov. Beshear Provides Update on COVID-19

Case information: As of 4 p.m. June 1, Gov. Beshear said there were at least 10,046 COVID-19 cases in Kentucky. The Governor provided updated information about coronavirus newly confirmed Sunday and Monday in Kentucky.

"Kentucky has had 131 new positive cases with zero new deaths on Sunday and 214 new cases with eight new deaths on Monday," reported Dr. Steven Stack, Commissioner for Public Health. "We continue our efforts to expand testing, ramp up contact tracing and urge the public to practice social distancing and wear cloth face coverings to reduce the spread of COVID-19."

The total number of reported deaths attributed to coronavirus stands at 439 Kentuckians. At least 3,232 Kentuckians have recovered from the virus.

Louisville demonstration death: The Governor addressed an event that occurred when the Louisville Metro Police Department (LMPD) and the Kentucky National Guard were dispatched to 26th and Broadway around 12 a.m. Monday. While working to disperse a crowd, LMPD and the Kentucky National Guard were fired upon. LMPD and the Kentucky National Guard returned fire resulting in a death.

Full press release: <https://kentucky.gov/Pages/Activity-stream.aspx?n=GovernorBeshear&prId=195>

Related story: Louisville Police Chief fired after no body camera footage

https://www.wdrb.com/in-depth/louisville-police-chief-fired-after-no-body-camera-footage-of-shooting/article_faa2ba10-a443-11ea-9309-c39cfd65671a.html

Law Enforcement Sees Extremist Groups, Disinformation In Protests

(IACP News) The [AP](#) (5/31, Long, Miller, Balsamo) reports, "U.S. officials sought to determine Sunday whether extremist groups had infiltrated police brutality protests across the country and deliberately tipped largely peaceful demonstrations toward violence — and if foreign adversaries were behind a burgeoning disinformation campaign on social media." The AP adds, "As demonstrations spread from Minneapolis to the White House, New York City and overseas, federal law enforcement officials insisted far-left groups were stoking violence. Meanwhile, experts who track extremist groups also reported seeing evidence of the far-right at work. Investigators were also tracking online interference and looking into whether foreign agents were behind the effort. Officials have seen a surge of social media accounts with fewer than 200 followers created in the last month, a textbook sign of a disinformation effort."

Lessons from the lockdown — and what comes next

(Axios) We are nowhere near finished with the coronavirus, but the next phases of our response will — if we do it right — be more targeted and risk-based than the sweeping national lockdown we're now emerging from.

Why it matters: Our experience battling this new virus has taught us a lot about what does and doesn't work. We'll have to apply those lessons rigorously, and keep adapting, if we have any hope of containing the virus and limiting the number of deaths from here on out.

Where it stands: The national lockdown is easing and the pandemic is no longer the single dominant storyline of our lives, but nothing has really changed — we didn't develop a treatment and the virus didn't get naturally weaker. It's just as contagious as it ever was.

The big picture: If we're able to contain new outbreaks without the massive economic costs of the national lockdown — and that's still an open question — there will be three big reasons:

- We've learned a lot about the virus itself; we've learned from our experience so far; and we've gotten better at some of the basic things we screwed up so badly at the beginning.

What we've learned: This coronavirus doesn't survive on surfaces as long as once feared, and it appears to transmit much more easily indoors than outside.

We know the virus is deadliest for people older than 60 or who have an underlying medical condition, and experts say it is important to do a lot more to protect those vulnerable populations.

Read full summary: <https://www.axios.com/coronavirus-lockdown-lessons-2f2e28cb-848b-42e2-a9da-b2d31fb8bda6.html>

How are Americans coping with the pandemic? Not well, says CDC data

(VOX) Young adults are experiencing the highest rates of mental health strain during the pandemic, according to new CDC data. Nationally, [around](#) a third of Americans have reported recent symptoms of anxiety and depression since late April. For comparison, in the first three months of 2019, just 11 percent of Americans [reported](#) these symptoms on a similar survey.

It's a sign that along with all the sickness and [death](#), the social distancing restrictions, separation from families, and the deteriorating economy, Americans are facing a severe mental health crisis, too.

To be clear: The report isn't saying a third of Americans have clinical depression or an anxiety disorder. But the survey — which was conducted to better understand the impacts of the pandemic on the American public — did include four questions taken from common depression and anxiety screening tools.

Full story: <https://www.vox.com/science-and-health/2020/5/29/21274495/pandemic-cdc-mental-health>

Coronavirus Testing: Should I Go For It Even If I Have No Symptoms?

See more: <https://www.npr.org/sections/goatsandsoda/2020/05/31/865932474/should-i-get-tested-for-coronavirus-just-for-the-heck-of-it>

CDC to resume regular coronavirus briefings after being sidelined

(CNN) [The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#) will resume its regular briefings on Covid-19 following a three-month hiatus during which the nation's top health agency became less visible in an unprecedented crisis.

The decision to restart the CDC briefings comes as the death toll has reached a [grim milestone of more than 103,000](#) and the White House has been under fire as of late for sidelining the Trump administration's health experts on its own coronavirus task force.

The CDC held a briefing Friday in which director Robert Redfield [defended the agency's](#) surveillance for the coronavirus and denied that it missed the spread of the virus across the country.

That session was the first of the resumption of the CDC's regular press briefings, a senior Health and Human Services official told CNN.

Full story: <https://www.cnn.com/2020/05/30/politics/cdc-coronavirus-briefings-resume/index.html>

CDC Coronavirus What's New?

- ✓ [Cases in U.S.](#) Monday, June 1, 2020
- ✓ [Community-level Seroprevalence Surveys](#) Monday, June 1, 2020
- ✓ [Support Services](#) Monday, June 1, 2020
- ✓ [Cruise Ship Crew Member Disembarkations](#) Monday, June 1, 2020
- ✓ [COVID-19 Travel Recommendations by Country](#) Monday, June 1, 2020
- ✓ [Resources](#) Sunday, May 31, 2020
- ✓ [Large-scale Geographic Seroprevalence Surveys](#) Sunday, May 31, 2020
- ✓ [CDC in Action](#) Sunday, May 31, 2020

CDC Updates COVID-19 Transmission Webpage to Clarify Information about Types of Spread

After media reports appeared that suggested a change in CDC's view on transmissibility, it became clear that these edits were confusing. Therefore, CDC has once again edited [the page](#) to provide clarity.

For CDC's guidance on cleaning and disinfecting, please visit [here](#).

Guidance includes the following:

- [CDC/EPA guidance for businesses, public spaces, workplaces, schools, and homes](#)
- [Additional guidance for cleaning and disinfection, including when someone is sick](#)
- [Disinfecting your non-emergency vehicles](#)

- [Guidance for reopening buildings after shutdown](#)

Johns Hopkins: Health Security Headlines
Extracts from [June 1, 2020](#)

[GSK to Manufacture 1 Billion Doses of Pandemic Vaccine Adjuvant System](#) (*Homeland Preparedness News*) GlaxoSmithKline (GSK) said it will manufacture 1 billion doses of its pandemic vaccine adjuvant system in 2021 to support the development of multiple adjuvanted COVID-19 vaccine candidates.

[New Ebola Outbreak Declared in Congo City that Last Saw the Virus in 2018](#) (*The Washington Post: Subscription Required*) Congo's health minister confirmed the discovery of a new Ebola case in the country's Équateur province, which last saw an outbreak of the highly deadly virus in 2018, ultimately killing 33 people there. can employers reopening their offices to prevent the spread of the coronavirus.

[Hurricane Season Collides with Coronavirus, as Communities Plan for Dual Emergencies](#) (*NPR*) The 2020 Atlantic hurricane season starts Monday, and federal scientists expect storms to be more frequent and powerful. Two named storms already formed in the Atlantic this spring before the official start of the season. As Florida and other coastal states plan for hurricanes, they are confronting troubling new public safety calculations because of the novel coronavirus.

[Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) Update: FDA Takes Steps to Streamline Development of Tests With At-Home Sample Collection](#) (*FDA*) Today the U.S. Food and Drug Administration took steps to further support the development of COVID-19 tests for at-home self-collection by including a voluntary EUA template for at-home sample collection kits to its website.

Warmer weather means it's time to be tick aware

<https://www.cnn.com/2020/05/25/health/tick-lyme-disease-safety-wellness/index.html>

With interest in backyard chickens on the rise, experts warn of dangers of bacterial infections

(KyForward News & UK) When school is out and the weather turns warmer, people become more interested in raising backyard chickens. Since human interactions with poultry can raise the risk of bacterial infections, University of Kentucky poultry specialists are urging new and experienced backyard flock enthusiasts to remember safe handling principles.

“Every year, we seem to see an uptick in salmonella outbreaks linked to backyard flocks, so it’s a good time to emphasize safe management practices.”

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reports that Kentucky has one of the higher rates of current salmonella infections in United States. As of May 15, Kentucky was reporting nine cases. The CDC reports 97 cases nationwide.

Learn more: <https://www.kyforward.com/as-interest-in-backyard-chickens-increases-experts-warn-of-dangers-of-bacterial-infections/>

[Plans are in the works to open schools in fall, despite some superintendents' concerns that guidelines make it impossible](#)

(KY Health News) Some Kentucky school superintendents say they wouldn't be able to re-open schools under suggested state guidelines that require social distancing on school buses, rely on children to wear masks and will disrupt the normal class structure of upper grades.

They voiced their concerns to public-health officials and the state education commissioner in an online meeting May 26, and were told that opening under the guidelines would be difficult but possible.

Kentucky schools have been closed to in-person classes since mid-March because of the novel coronavirus. Students finished out the year at home.

Dr. Steven Stack, commissioner of public health, told the superintendents that because there will be no vaccine this year, and no treatment is likely to be widely used before school is fully underway, schools will have to rely on social distancing and other public-health measures to reduce the risk of infection.

He warned them that the virus is so contagious that without intervention, every person who has it will infect three more. He reminded them that while children who get the virus generally have mild cases of covid-19, they can pass it on to those who are more vulnerable, and even those who don't develop the disease can be contagious.

Deputy Health Commissioner Connie White said, “Children can frequently have no symptoms and spread the infection so easily, if they are wearing a mask, it helps keep the infection to them and keeps it away from others.” << ***Click on the headline above for the rest of the story.*** >>

FDA Virtual Town Hall Series - Immediately in Effect Guidance on Coronavirus) Diagnostic Tests

The FDA will host a virtual Town Hall for clinical laboratories and commercial manufacturers that are developing or have developed diagnostic tests for SARS-CoV-2 to help answer technical questions about the development and validation of tests for SARS-CoV-2. <Click the headline for more info.>

NETEC Webinars

Wednesday, June 3rd, 1 PMN ET/12 PM CT

Use of HICS for COVID-19 Resilience and Recovery.

[Register here](#)

>> ALSO >> The next webinar will occur on Friday, June 5th at 12:00 PM CT / 1:00 PM ET and will discuss *environmental cleaning and disinfection practices* for COVID-19. [Save your spot here.](#)

HHS/ASPR COVID-19 Clinical Rounds

Critical Care: Cytokine Storm

Tuesday, June 2, at 12:00 - 1:00 pm ET [Click here for registration](#)

This resource webinar is intended for consultant physicians involved in critical care practice, fellows, residents, pharmacists, nursing staff, nurse practitioners, physician assistants, respiratory therapists, & allied health staff.

Emergency Department: Patient Care and Clinical Operations

Thursday, June 4, at 12:00 - 1:00 pm ET [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.

CDC - COVID-19 Response: Promising Practices in Health Equity

Tuesday, June 2, at 3:00 - 4:00 pm ET [Click here for connection information](#)

Please join us for a webinar focused on sharing promising public health practices to reduce COVID-19 related disparities. During this webinar, presenters will discuss the actions their cities have taken to mitigate the disproportionate impact on racial and ethnic minorities. Additionally, speakers will take these ideas a step further and examine how they can be integrated into longer-term strategies for lasting impact that strengthens future responses and advances health equity. Please feel free to share this announcement with others who might be interested

NIMS Alert 14-20: FEMA Release Planning Considerations: Disaster Housing

FEMA released "[Planning Considerations: Disaster Housing](#)". Housing recovery is the cornerstone of a community's recovery and ultimate resilience. By helping survivors achieve sustainable housing after a disaster, state and local leaders move their communities toward stability and resiliency for future incidents.

The "Planning Considerations: Disaster Housing" document supplements "[Comprehensive Preparedness Guide \(CPG\) 101: Developing and Maintaining Emergency Operations Plans](#)" by providing guidance on national housing priorities, types of housing, key considerations and housing-specific planning recommendations that jurisdictions can apply when developing or improving housing plans. This planning document is a tool for use along with the Six-Step Planning Process described in CPG 101.

Although the document is not specific to any particular threat or hazard, many of the concepts, principles and resources contained in the guide can be applied to coronavirus (COVID-19) response and recovery efforts.

To view the guide, visit <https://www.fema.gov/plan>. Contact FEMA at NPD-Planning@Fema.dhs.gov for any questions or support on the document.

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