



# Kentucky Hospital Research & Education Foundation Emergency Preparedness Update for June 2, 2020

## Gov. Beshear Provides Update on Events in Louisville, COVID-19

(Frankfort) Gov. Andy Beshear on Tuesday updated Kentuckians on demonstrations in Louisville and the state's continuing measures to address the novel coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19). "As we move forward, we will be reducing our National Guard presence in Louisville," the Governor said. "That is a recommendation by our adjutant general that we will be following."

**Case information:** As of 4 p.m. June 2, Gov. Beshear said there were at least 10,185 coronavirus cases in Kentucky, 155 of which were newly confirmed Tuesday. Unfortunately, Gov. Beshear reported three new deaths Tuesday, raising the total to 442 Kentuckians lost to the virus.

Gov. Beshear also spoke Tuesday about a new decision from the U.S. Supreme Court that confirms that his actions to protect public health are consistent with the U.S. Constitution.

Full press release: <https://kentucky.gov/Pages/Activity-stream.aspx?n=GovernorBeshear&prId=196>

## US Establishing "Central Command Center" To Oversee Riot Response

(IACP News) [Fox News](#) (6/1, Phillips) reports on its website that White House Press Secretary Kayleigh McEnany "announced Monday that the White House is establishing a 'central command center' to monitor and combat riots following the death of George Floyd." McEnany told reporters, "There will be additional federal assets deployed across the nation. ... There will be a central command center in conjunction with the state and local governments that will include [Joint Chiefs of Staff Chairman Gen. Mark] Milley, [Defense Secretary] Esper and [Attorney General] Barr, to deal with violence and looting."

The [Washington Examiner](#) (6/1, Dibble) reports that McEnany told reporters that Barr and Esper "will be involved in strategizing deployment of 'federal assets' to help law enforcement but did not elaborate on the exact details of the deployments." The Examiner adds, "After Trump told governors in a call Monday" that Milley "would be 'in charge' of the response campaign, McEnany confirmed his leading role." McEnany "added that Milley has been advocating for an adjustment in strategy to ensure that cities are 'dominated' by the National Guard and law enforcement."

### *Related IACP story - Officials In Some US Cities Say Young White Men "Determined To Commit Mayhem."*

[Washington Post](#) (6/1, Stanley-Becker) reports, "In some cities, local officials have noted that black protesters have struggled to maintain peaceful protests in the face of young white men joining the fray, seemingly determined to commit mayhem. ... As authorities intensified their efforts to quell the uprisings...police officers were joined by some elected officials and protest organizers in accusing white activists and extremists of exacerbating the chaos by blocking roadways, destroying police property and lobbing bricks into businesses."

### **NPR - The Insurrection Act: What Is The Law Trump Is Threatening To Invoke?**

Read more: <https://www.npr.org/2020/06/01/867467714/what-is-the-insurrection-act-that-trump-is-threatening-to-invoke>

## KY pharma company developing nasal spray to treat COVID-19

(Herald-Leader) A Lexington pharmaceutical company is working to produce a nasal spray that could prevent one from catching COVID-19, as well as keep symptoms at bay in patients who have already tested positive for the highly contagious virus.

[Summit Biosciences, Inc.](#) announced this week it had been awarded a contract from a Seattle-based pharmaceutical company, Atossa Therapeutics, Inc., to fast track the development of a nasal spray to be used on patients who've been diagnosed with the novel coronavirus but who "have not yet exhibited symptoms severe enough to require hospitalization," [according to the press release](#)

Summit Biosciences' nasal spray would not replace a vaccine once it's eventually developed, but it is "meant to be a bridge to a vaccine," Summit Biosciences Chief Operating Officer Greg Plucinski said by phone on Friday. And "it will be useful even after the vaccine" is developed. "It may be useful for other viruses as well," he said.

Full story: <https://www.kentucky.com/news/coronavirus/article243092566.html>

Atossa press release: <https://atossatherapeutics.com/atossa-therapeutics-announces-second-covid-19-therapeutic-development-program-at-301-nasal-spray-summit-biosciences-retained-to-develop-and-supply-at-301-nasal-spray-for-clinical-study/>

**CMS Releases Data on COVID-19 in Nursing Homes**  
**Total of 60,000 cases and nearly 26,000 deaths reported**

(MedPage Today) More than 60,000 U.S. nursing home residents have contracted COVID-19 and nearly 26,000 have died, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) reported Monday.

The numbers come from reports submitted by about 12,500 of the 15,400 nursing homes regulated by CMS -- an 80% response rate, CMS Administrator Seema Verma said on a phone call with reporters. In April, the agency began [requiring nursing homes to report COVID-19 cases and deaths](#) to the CDC. [State-level data were also released](#) Monday.

**CMS Kentucky Nursing home COVID-19 Data Extract (vs National numbers)**

- Total NH Resident Cases: 490 (60,439)
- NH Resident Cases per 1,000 NH Residents: **33.8** (62.0)
- Total NH Resident COVID-19 Deaths: 150 (25,923)
- NH Resident COVID-19 Deaths per 1,000 NH Residents: **11.8** (27.5)
- Total NH Staff Cases: 263 (34,442)
- Total NH Staff Cases per 1,000 NH Residents: **20.7** (39.5)
- Total NH Staff Deaths: 3 (449)
- Total NH Staff Deaths per 1,000 NH Residents: **0.2** (0.5)
- Total Nursing Homes: 285 (15,412)
- Total Nursing Home Surveys: 242 (8,332)
- Percentage of Nursing Homes Surveyed: **84.9%** (54.10%)

In the data so far, one in four facilities had at least one COVID-19 case, and one in five had at least one COVID-related death; some nursing homes may have a high number of cases because they're designated as COVID-positive facilities, Verma said. In addition, CMS's early analysis found that facilities who had a one-star rating -- out of a possible five stars -- in the agency's Nursing Home Compare program were more likely to have large numbers of cases compared with facilities receiving a five-star rating.

CMS will post the COVID-19 data later this week via a link on the [Nursing Home Compare](#) website, Verma said; consumers can search by facility name, and researchers can download the data for further analysis. The agency will update the data each week.

Read more: <https://www.medpagetoday.com/infectiousdisease/covid19/86817>

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**Johns Hopkins: Health security Headlines [Extracts for 6/2/20](#)**

**[Medical Workers Should Use Respirator Masks, Not Surgical Masks](#)** (*The New York Times*) A new analysis of 172 studies, funded by the World Health Organization, confirms what scientists have said for months: N95 and other respirator masks are far superior to surgical or cloth masks in protecting essential medical workers against the coronavirus.

**[7 in 10 Americans Would be Likely to Get a Coronavirus Vaccine, Post-ABC Poll Finds](#)** (*Washington Post*) The nationwide survey finds that a majority of people of all political affiliations are interested in receiving such a vaccine. But the extent of that interest varies along partisan lines, with slightly more than 8 in 10 Democrats saying they would definitely or probably get vaccinated, compared with slightly fewer than 6 in 10 Republicans. Independents fall in between.

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**CIDRAP Alert: [New DRC Ebola outbreak grows to 9 cases, 5 deaths](#)**

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**CDC Coronavirus What's News?**

- [Staffing Resources](#) Tuesday, June 2, 2020
- [If You Have Pets](#) Tuesday, June 2, 2020
- [Interim Clinical Guidance for Management of Patients with Confirmed Coronavirus Disease \(COVID-19\)](#) Tuesday, June 2, 2020
- [Testing in the U.S.](#) Tuesday, June 2, 2020
- [People Who Need to Take Extra Precautions](#) Tuesday, June 2, 2020
- [For Parents: Multisystem Inflammatory Syndrome in Children \(MIS-C\) associated with COVID-19](#) Tuesday, June 2, 2020
- [Responder Stories](#) Tuesday, June 2, 2020
- [Frequently Asked Questions and Answers: Coronavirus Disease-2019 \(COVID-19\) and Children](#) Tuesday, June 2, 2020
- [How Coronavirus Spreads](#) Monday, June 1, 2020
- [Data Visualization](#) Monday, June 1, 2020

CDC Clinician's Call

**Guidance for Dental Settings during COVID-19**

**Wednesday, June 3 @ 2 PM ET/1 PM CT**

[It will also be available for viewing on [COCA's Facebook page](#) immediately after the live event ends at 3:00pm ET.]

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NHTSA/HHS ASPR Webinar

**Emergency Department: Air and Ground Interfacility Transfers**

Thursday, June 4, 2020

12:00 PM EDT / 9:00 AM PDT

**REGISTER:** [https://echo.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_AkS70OoQR\\_uxucDVmk5lug](https://echo.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_AkS70OoQR_uxucDVmk5lug)

*Observation from the sidelines:* In my history is about 20 years running the original Louisville EMS system. A former Paramedic Supervisor and colleague from those days posted on his website yesterday a comment from an EMS friend of his still working for today's Louisville Metro EMS who was on-duty when the fatal shooting incident occurred on West Broadway over the weekend in Louisville. It is important that this doesn't get lost in the headlines.

*"I was working all weekend in these riots, specifically during the hours of 2200-0200 (10 PM to 2 AM). I listened in real time over the radio as this happened. It was terrifying to listen to. My partner and I sat alone in a parking lot when a car pulled in front of us and purposefully shot at us for what we do for a living. This has to stop."*

The comment I posted back this morning was *"A former Louisville EMS Director says, 'Thanks for what you do! This does not reflect how the community you serve feels about your service.'"*

Unfortunately, this isn't over yet. The overwhelming vast majority of these men and women; police, fire, EMS, and now our National Guard; regardless of race or religion, do this kind of work as a "calling". If you need help, they will respond. Day or night. In any weather. Even if it means putting themselves in harm's way. Public safety friends - when you get an opportunity, stand with your community and show them you are on their side. [\[Here is a great example from Lexington on Monday night.\]](#) Community members, reciprocate when appropriate to show them that you appreciate those who are stepping in to try and bring calm and order to a troubled world, and help those in need. *"This has to stop." Dick Bartlett)*

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