



Kentucky Hospital Research & Education Foundation Emergency Preparedness Update for June 18, 2020

[KY COVID Daily Updates](#)

234 new cases today; Total 13,197

3 new deaths today; Total 520

Recovered: 3,506

Press release: <https://kentucky.gov/Pages/Activity-stream.aspx?n=GovernorBeshear&prId=220>

Long Term Care update: <https://chfs.ky.gov/agencies/dph/covid19/LTCupdate.pdf>

Research finds no symptoms in 37% of COVID-19 nursing home patients

(CIDRAP) A [study](#) published yesterday in *Clinical Infectious Diseases* found that more than a quarter of the residents of a Chicago nursing home were infected with COVID-19, 37% of them never had symptoms, 37% were hospitalized, and 28% died.

Full story: <https://www.cidrap.umn.edu/news-perspective/2020/06/no-symptoms-37-covid-19-nursing-home-patients-research-finds>

Female public health officials 'shocked' by harassment during coronavirus

Washington Post story: <https://www.theilily.com/female-public-health-officials-say-they-are-shocked-by-the-harassment-they-face-over-coronavirus-response/>

Remember the N95 mask shortage? It's still a problem

(Vox) An ongoing problem with PPE is that supplies still aren't being distributed equally around the country and even within hot spots. Better-resourced hospitals have more supplies while other facilities struggle to find enough. The federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid say that [one in five](#) Florida nursing homes do not have a one-week supply of gowns or the [N95 masks](#) needed to care for Covid-19 patients and prevent transmission. [According to WCNC Charlotte](#), North Carolina ran perilously low on gowns and masks in May even before its recent surge in cases, receiving only 99,000 of the 27 million N95 masks it had ordered. An [internal report](#) from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) suggests "[t]he demand for gowns outpaces current U.S. manufacturing capabilities" and that the government plans to continue to ask medical staff to reuse N95 masks and surgical gowns intended to be disposed of after one use into July.

Read more: <https://www.vox.com/2020/6/17/21293021/coronavirus-n95-masks-prevent-covid-19-gloves-face-shields>

U.S. stockpile stuck with 63 million doses of drug rejected by FDA for COVID-19 treatment

Learn more: <https://www.cnn.com/2020/06/17/health/hydroxychloroquine-national-stockpile/index.html>

Scientists worry 'Operation Warp Speed' is missing tried and true vaccines

(CNN) In the search to find a vaccine to put an end to the coronavirus pandemic, some scientists worry that President Trump's "Operation Warp Speed" is missing out on tried and true vaccine technologies that have over and over again resulted in proven winners.

The Trump administration is not funding vaccine approaches that have been used for more than 50 years, including for current vaccines against hepatitis, flu, polio, and rabies. Instead, the United States is investing up to more than \$2 billion in newer approaches that are promising, but for the most part, have not resulted in approved vaccines, much less vaccines with long track records.

Learn more: <https://www.cnn.com/2020/06/17/health/vaccine-platforms-warp-speed/index.html>

Senate Holds Hearing on Telehealth Expansion

(AHA) The U.S. Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor & Pensions today held a hearing on telehealth lessons from the COVID-19 pandemic. Witnesses from the University of Virginia's Center for Telehealth, American Telemedicine Association, Project ECHO and BlueCross BlueShield of Tennessee shared how certain legislative and regulatory changes to expand access to virtual care during the public health emergency are benefiting patients and could in the future if continued. Members of the committee also shared specific examples of increased utilization in their local hospitals.

In opening remarks, committee Chairman Lamar Alexander, R-Tenn., said the federal government should permanently extend policy changes that nearly doubled the number of Medicare-reimbursable telehealth services and reimburse clinicians for telehealth services provided wherever the patient is located, and consider making 29 other COVID-19 policy changes permanent.

A bipartisan group of 30 senators this week urged congressional leaders to make permanent provisions included in previous COVID-19 legislation to expand access to telehealth services for Medicare beneficiaries.

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

- [Cases & Deaths by County](#) Thursday, June 18, 2020
- [Considerations for Travelers—Coronavirus in the US](#) Thursday, June 18, 2020
- [Contact Tracing](#) Thursday, June 18, 2020
- [SPHERES](#) Thursday, June 18, 2020
- [Cases in the U.S.](#) Thursday, June 18, 2020
- [Forecasts of Total Deaths](#) Thursday, June 18, 2020
- [Considerations for Casinos and Gaming Operations](#) Thursday, June 18, 2020
- [Meat and Poultry Processing Workers and Employers](#) Thursday, June 18, 2020
- [Meat and Poultry Processing Facility Assessment Toolkit](#) Thursday, June 18, 2020

CDC Health Alert Advisory - [HAN 433](#)

[Detection of Ciprofloxacin-resistant, \$\beta\$ -lactamase-producing *Neisseria meningitidis* Serogroup Y Isolates, United States, 2019–2020](#)

(CDC) Meningococcal disease, which typically presents as meningitis or meningococemia, is a life-threatening illness requiring prompt antibiotic treatment for patients and antibiotic prophylaxis for their close contacts. *Neisseria meningitidis* isolates in the United States have been largely susceptible to the antibiotics recommended for treatment and prophylaxis. However, 11 meningococcal disease cases reported in the United States during 2019–2020 had isolates containing a *bla*ROB-1 β -lactamase gene associated with penicillin resistance, as well as mutations associated with ciprofloxacin resistance. An additional 22 cases reported during 2013–2020 contained a *bla*ROB-1 β -lactamase gene but did not have mutations associated with ciprofloxacin resistance.

EarthEx 2020 Upcoming Webinars

Webinars are free, but seating is limited. May want to participate as a group!

Meta Grid Resilience – Minimum Core Requirements for Critical Lifeline Utilities 24 June– 2 pm EDT

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/152880901991119884>

This EARTH EX 2020 training series webinar focuses on the essential resilience elements to ensure the survival or quick restoration of segments of the critical lifeline utilities, including the energy grid, water systems, and other vital components that support modern society. We live in a tightly interconnected world with active threats to our meta-grid infrastructures that underpin our supply chains and the organizations that employ, sustain, and allow us to advance our civilizations. This session will put these issues in focus to help align activities for reaching higher levels of preparedness and resilience.

[Important for those of you that are part of the Critical Lifeline Utilities.]

Stopping Hackers in Their Tracks

FBI Arrests Hacker Who Stole Data from Tech Company

(FBI) A nightmare scenario for many organizations recently became one Atlanta-based tech company's reality. But the steps the company took before and after their sensitive data was stolen by a hacker in 2018 helped the FBI identify and arrest the culprit.

Christian Kight used his computer programming skills to hack into various businesses for money while on parole for previous crimes. Kight downloaded scripts from hacker forums and used them to attack company networks. In the case of the Atlanta company, Kight spent a few weeks hacking into the company's network, using various tactics to hide his identity. He then downloaded the data to his own computer and deleted it from the company's systems. Once he had the data, Kight emailed the company's CEO to demand payment in exchange for the data—but he insisted that it wasn't extortion.

Read more: <https://www.fbi.gov/news/stories/hacker-convicted-for-data-theft-061720>

Fewer Than Half Of US Police Departments Participating In FBI Use-Of-Force Database Project

([IACP News](#)) The [Washington Post](#) (6/17, Jackman) reports, "On Tuesday, President Trump signed an executive order calling for, among other things, the establishment of a database on police use of force. On Wednesday, Senate Republicans included a similar provision in their own reform bill. But the FBI already has such a database – and so far a majority of police are not participating in it." The Post adds, "The FBI launched that program, the National Use-of-Force Data Collection project, last year.

Now, with another wave of protests against police brutality gripping the country, many police agencies have not responded to the voluntary call for information about their officers – only 40 percent submitted their data for 2019, the FBI said. And the database has yet to be published." According to the Post, "In a statement to the Senate Judiciary Committee on Tuesday night, Steven R. Casstevens, the chief of the Buffalo Grove, Ill., police and president of the International Association of Chiefs of Police, said that 'participation in the national database collection effort should be mandatory.' He said the data would help both law enforcement and the community

'better identify and understand the totality of incidents, trends associated with use-of-force incidents, and other outlying factors. It will also increase transparency on a national level.'" Casstevens "said that making use-of-force reporting mandatory might mean tying it to existing federal grant funding, and he said the 'IACP recommends those that intentionally fail to participate in the National Use of Force database, be excluded from receiving federal grant funds or receive reduced amounts.'"

ASPR TRACE RESOURCES UPDATE

- ✓ ASPR TRACIE Webinar Q&A: <https://files.asprtracie.hhs.gov/documents/aspr-tracie-covid-19-healthcare-safety-webinar-ppt.pdf>
- ✓ Novel Coronavirus Resources: <https://asprtracie.hhs.gov/COVID-19>
- ✓ CDC COVID-19 webpage: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>
- ✓ **Resources for Hospitals During Civil Unrest**
<https://files.asprtracie.hhs.gov/documents/aspr-tracie-civil-unrest-during-a-pandemic-notes-from-minneapolis.pdf>
- ✓ **Additional Resources for protecting hospitals:**
<https://files.asprtracie.hhs.gov/documents/aspr-tracie-ta-hospitals-and-civil-unreset-resources--6-1-2020.pdf>
- ✓ **Healthcare System Considerations for Resumption of Services during COVID-19**
- ✓ **Alternative Care Sites-The Federal Experience in New York City**

MMWR Early Release

- ✓ [Public Attitudes, Behaviors, and Beliefs Related to COVID-19, Stay-at-Home Orders, Nonessential Business Closures, and Public Health Guidance — United States, New York City, and Los Angeles, May 5–12, 2020, June 12](#)
- ✓ [Coronavirus 2019 \(COVID-19\) Disease – United States, February 12--May 15, 2020, June 15](#)

2020 KY Trauma and Emergency Medicine Symposium POSTPONED
New dates October 21-22, 2021

Pre-conference workshops October 20, 2021
Galt House Hotel, 140 N. Fourth Street, Louisville, KY
For program updates and registration, visit NortonCME.com.

KY Public Health

Save-the-date - August 19-20

10-2 PM ET via ZOOM

3rd Annual KY Harm Reduction Summit

Keynote speakers, breakout sessions, and panel discussions.

Additional information on how to register, speakers and topics, and continuing education info will be sent in the beginning of July.

NETEC Webinar

Challenges, Strategies, and Lessons Learned: COVID-19 in EMS
Friday, June 19, 1 PM ET/12 Noon CT

[Register here](#) and if you're unable to make it, we will send you the recording.

InfraGard Webinar

Real-Life Hacker Stories: Lessons Learned from Recent Breach Investigations

Thursday, June 25 @ 6pm EDT

You must register in advance for this webinar: <https://immacyberjune2020.eventbrite.com>

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