



Kentucky Hospital Research & Education Foundation Emergency Preparedness Update for June 27-28, 2020

Kentucky Update on COVID-19

As of 4 p.m. June 27, Gov. Beshear said there were at least 15,167 coronavirus cases in Kentucky, 316 of which were newly reported Saturday. "This virus is not going away yet," said Gov. Beshear. "We see numbers spiking in states all across the country. We need to be vigilant so that doesn't happen here in Kentucky." Unfortunately, Gov. Beshear reported one new death Saturday, raising the total to 554 Kentuckians lost to the virus.

[Click here](#) for this week's updates including those on COVID-19 case information, long-term care visitation, AgriTech in Kentucky, unemployment insurance, rural hospital funding, school reopening guidance and new guidance for venues.

Press release: <https://kentucky.gov/Pages/Activity-stream.aspx?n=GovernorBeshear&prId=234>

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Read more: <https://www.lex18.com/news/coronavirus/in-person-visitations-at-long-term-care-facilities-to-begin-monday>

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Learn more: <http://wky.com/article/health-dept-more-than-80-test-positive-in-covid-19-outbreak-at-shelbyville-long-term-care-facility/32962225?src=app>

US reports highest number of new coronavirus cases in a single day

(CNN) The number of new coronavirus cases reported in a single day hit a new high on Friday after numerous states began pausing or rolling back their reopening plans.

At least 40,173 new cases were reported, according to a tally by Johns Hopkins University. The previous daily high was reported on Thursday.

More than 30 states are [battling rising numbers](#) and the US is averaging more daily new cases than ever. But Vice President Mike Pence said Friday "we've all seen the encouraging news as we open up America again."

Full story: <https://www.cnn.com/2020/06/26/health/us-coronavirus-friday/index.html>

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Learn more: <https://wfpl.org/cdc-recommends-younger-kids-wear-masks-kentucky-says-it-depends/>

CDC, vaccine manufacturer's ramp up flu shot production ahead of fall

Major vaccine manufacturers are planning to make millions more flu vaccine doses ahead of the fall amid mounting concern from the ongoing coronavirus pandemic. Vaccine manufacturers are planning to boost production of flu shots by about 10%, making 189 million flu shots in comparison to 170 million last year, The Washington Post reported. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention also made an "unprecedented" purchase of 7 million flu vaccine doses for adults - 14 times more than the average.

Read more: <https://www.businessinsider.com/cdc-drugmakers-boost-flu-vaccine-production-flu-season-coronavirus-2020-6>

UK launching COVID treatment trials

(WKYT) - A new study for a COVID-19 treatment is underway at the University of Kentucky. The program uses a plant extract grown in Kentucky and it is now heading into human trials.

"I think one of the attractive features here, is that you have a drug that's already used in many people against malaria and it's safe and secondly it can be produced in very large quantities, possibly in many countries locally," said Dr. Peter Seeberger, Max Planck Institute.

If human trials are successful, then it could mean that scientists have discovered a treatment for COVID-19 that can tick a number of boxes, is widely available, relatively inexpensive and effective.

Read more: <https://www.wkyt.com/app/2020/06/24/uk-launching-human-trials-for-covid-19-treatment/>

Inhaled Remdesivir May Allow COVID-19 Patients to Be Treated at Home

Learn more: <https://news360.com/article/531383300>

Asymptomatic Coronavirus Carriers Can Shed Virus on Surfaces

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Pandemic Hits Primary Care Practices Hard Across the U.S.: Study
<https://news360.com/article/531664588>

Countries should prepare to manage COVID-19 closely for the next 2 years
<https://news360.com/article/531503175>

What is pooled testing? How lessons from the HIV epidemic could help fight the coronavirus
<https://www.nbcnews.com/science/science-news/what-pooled-testing-how-lessons-hiv-epidemic-could-help-fight-n1232297>

FEMA Ordered \$10.2 Million in COVID-19 Testing Kits It's Now Warning States Not to Use

ProPublica) The Federal Emergency Management Agency has warned states not to use COVID-19 testing supplies it bought under a \$10.2 million contract after a ProPublica investigation last week showed the vendor was providing contaminated and unusable mini soda bottles.

A FEMA spokeswoman said the agency is working with the U.S. Food and Drug Administration and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to analyze test tubes filled with saline and sold to the government by Fillakit LLC, whose warehouse is near Houston.

ProPublica [reported on June 18 that Fillakit](#) was using plastic preforms, which are expanded with heat and pressure to become 2-liter soda bottles, to fulfill FEMA's contract for testing supplies to be used by states. The bottles were shoveled into the warehouse, then filled with saline in what workers described as unsanitary conditions. Some of the states receiving the lab equipment told ProPublica that even if Fillakit's tubes weren't contaminated, they were simply too big to be used in lab machinery.

[A later story in The Wall Street Journal](#) raised similar allegations. The Journal [first reported](#) on Friday that the Department of Homeland Security's inspector general is now looking into the contractor. Fillakit owner Paul Wexler previously told the Journal that allegations of unsanitary conditions were baseless and came from a disgruntled former employee.

Read more: <https://www.propublica.org/article/fema-ordered-10-2-million-in-covid-19-testing-kits-its-now-warning-states-not-to-use>

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

- [Standardized procedure for broad-based testing for SARS-CoV-2 in congregate settings: Considerations for health departments and healthcare providers](#) Saturday, June 27, 2020
- [Commercial Laboratory Seroprevalence Survey Data](#) Friday, June 26, 2020
- [Large-scale Geographic Seroprevalence Surveys](#) Friday, June 26, 2020

FEMA Corps gives students, grads opportunity to serve
<https://news360.com/article/531593379>

Stubbed Your Toe? Only Real Swear Words Help Dull the Pain
<https://news360.com/article/531383357>

1 in 10 Americans Uses a Prescription Painkiller: CDC
<https://news360.com/article/531576062>

Federal agents seize more than 10,000 assault weapons parts at Louisville UPS hub
Read more: https://www.wdrb.com/news/federal-agents-seize-more-than-10-000-assault-weapons-parts-at-louisville-ups-hub/article_4770cc54-b7f1-11ea-96e6-cbd8a5f01903.html

Cyberbullies and Their Victims Can Both Develop PTSD
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