



# Kentucky Hospital Research & Education Foundation Emergency Preparedness Update for July 12, 2020

## Expert warns the US is approaching 'one of the most unstable times in the history of our country'

(CNN) With rising [Covid-19](#) cases and hospitalizations sending many states backward in their reopening plans, one health expert warns that if the US continues on its current path it will reach "one of the most unstable times in the history of our country."

"We will have hospitals overwhelmed and not only in terms of ICU beds and hospitals -- and that's bad -- but exhausted hospital staff and hospital staff that's getting ill themselves," Dr. Peter Hotez, the dean of tropical medicine at Baylor College of Medicine, told CNN Friday night. "So, we won't have enough manpower, human power, to manage all of this."



Only five states [saw a decrease](#) of at least 10% in average new daily cases over the past week. And the US set a record for the highest single day of new cases for the second time this week with 66,627 cases on Friday, according to data from [Johns Hopkins University](#).

There have been more than 3,225,721 confirmed coronavirus cases in the United States, Johns Hopkins University said. That's more than the population of 21 states, Washington, DC, and Puerto Rico, according to data from the US Census Bureau. At least 134,580 people have died from complications of the virus

The resurgence has many local leaders returning to actions taken in March and April to slow the spread of the virus. At least 26 states

have paused or rolled back their plans to reopen. Hospital capacity -- a concern in many places when the pandemic first broke out is being raised as a pressing issue once again.

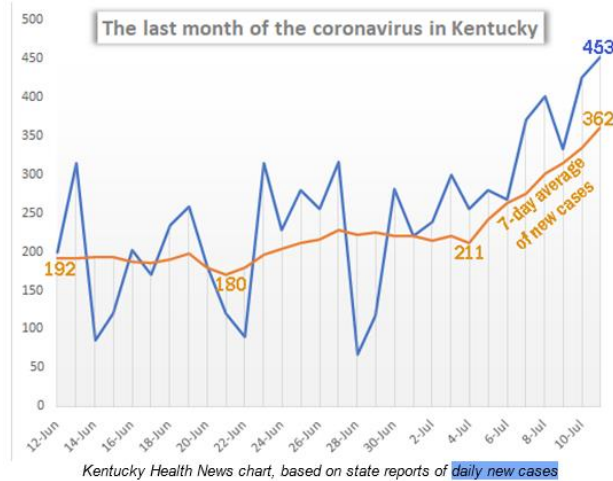
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### **Related story; As COVID-19 cases climb, some state and local leaders clash over moves to curb the spread**

Story: <https://www.cnn.com/2020/07/12/health/us-coronavirus-sunday/index.html>

## Kentucky Governor Beshear Provides Update on COVID-19

([from press release](#)) Gov. Andy Beshear on Sunday updated Kentuckians on the state's continued efforts to fight the novel coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19). As of 4 p.m. July 12, Gov. Beshear said there were at least



19,389 coronavirus cases in Kentucky, 277 of which were newly reported Sunday. Comparing cases reported from June 29 to July 5 with cases reported from July 6 to July 12, there is a 48.7% increase in positive cases. Unfortunately, Gov. Beshear reported three new deaths Sunday, raising the total to 625 Kentuckians lost to the virus.

### **Rated story: [Coronavirus cases hit a new record for fifth day in a row; 7-day rolling average is more than double what it was three weeks ago](#)**

(Ky Health News - Al Cross) Kentucky identified another record number of coronavirus cases Saturday, the seventh straight day the number of new cases has increased. The state's seven-day rolling average of new cases, a better measure of the pandemic because it

smooths out daily fluctuations, is now 362, more than double the average of 180 three weeks ago.

## [Pandemic exposes scientific rift over proving when germs are airborne](#)

(Reuters) The coronavirus pandemic has exposed a clash among medical experts over disease transmission that stretches back nearly a century - to the very origins of germ theory. [\[Click the headline to read more.\]](#)

## Surgeon General: Trump Is 'Trying' to Change His Take on Masks

<http://newser.com/s293477>

## CDC Coronavirus What's New?

- [Cases & Deaths by County](#) Sunday, July 12, 2020
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### How To Help Kids With Anxiety During The Pandemic

Learn more: <https://www.npr.org/sections/health-shots/2020/07/11/864540377/kids-feel-pandemic-stress-too-heres-how-to-help-them-thrive>

### Dengue prevention efforts stifled by coronavirus pandemic

(AP) — To slow the spread of the coronavirus, governments issued lockdowns to keep people at home. They curtailed activities that affected services like trash collection. They tried to shield hospitals from a surge of patients.

But the cascading effects of these restrictions also are hampering efforts to cope with seasonal outbreaks of dengue, an incurable, mosquito-borne disease that is also known as “breakbone fever” for its severely painful symptoms. In Brazil, where there are over 1.6 million COVID-19 infections, at least 1.1 million cases of dengue have been reported, with nearly 400 deaths, according to the Pan American Health Organization.

Dengue typically isn’t fatal, but severe cases may require hospitalization. Prevention efforts targeted at destroying mosquito-breeding sites, like removing trash or old tires and other objects containing standing water, are still the best ways to curb the spread of the disease. But coronavirus-era lockdowns and other restrictions have meant that these efforts have been reduced or stopped altogether in many countries.

Full story: <https://apnews.com/036bb86275b43176cee5209c1b216106>

### *The Final Word....*

#### **30-Year-Old Dies After 'COVID Party'**

(Newser) – If going to a party at all seems like a bad idea these days, going to one in which attendees try to contract the coronavirus proved a fatal one for a Texas man, reports [NEWS4SA](#). The 30-year-old man went to a “COVID party”—one hosted by someone known to have tested positive for the coronavirus. “The thought is people get together to see if the virus is real and if anyone gets infected,” says Dr. Jane Appleby, the chief medical officer at Methodist Hospital and Methodist Children’s Hospital in San Antonio, where the patient died this week.

**The man's tragic last words, per [ABC News](#): *"I think I made a mistake. I thought this was a hoax, but it's not."*** Story link: <http://newser.com/s293461>

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