



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

KY COVID-19 Update

([From Press Release](#)) Gov. Andy Beshear on Wednesday updated Kentuckians on the state's continuing efforts to fight the novel coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19) in the commonwealth. As of 4 p.m. Sept. 2, Gov. Beshear said there were at least 49,991 coronavirus cases in Kentucky, 816 of which were newly reported Wednesday. One hundred and sixteen of the newly reported cases were from children ages 18 and younger, of which 18 were children ages 5 and under. The youngest was only 2 months old.

Unfortunately, Gov. Beshear reported 18 new deaths Wednesday, raising the total to 966 Kentuckians lost to the virus. As of Wednesday, there have been at least 894,808 coronavirus tests performed in Kentucky. The positivity rate currently stands at 4.71%. At least 10,463 Kentuckians have recovered from the virus. To see all recent daily reports, [click here](#).

----- **Beshear Says New Eviction Order Coming After CDC Issues Ban**

(WFPL) Gov. Andy Beshear says he will revise his executive order banning evictions in Kentucky later this week, after the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention indicated that it will halt most evictions until the end of the year.

The [CDC order](#), which is set to take effect later this week, would ban landlords from evicting tenants for non-payment of rent if they show they have sought government assistance to make payments and say they are unable to pay rent because of a COVID-related hardship.

During a news conference on Wednesday, Beshear said that he will amend his executive order banning evictions to comply with the federal order.

Read more: <https://wfpl.org/beshear-says-new-eviction-order-coming-after-cdc-issues-ban/>

----- **Sturgis Motorcycle Rally: An attendee at the South Dakota event dies of Covid-19 in Minnesota Over 260 have COVID-19 traced to event**

Learn more: <https://www.cnn.com/2020/09/02/health/sturgis-motorcycle-rally-covid-death/index.html>

----- **Feds to ship rapid coronavirus tests for schools**

<https://www.wave3.com/2020/09/01/feds-ship-rapid-coronavirus-tests-schools/>

----- **HHS cancelling ventilator contracts, says stockpile is full**

<https://news360.com/article/536790499>

----- **Fauci lays out the path to an early COVID vaccine approval**

Read more: <https://www.cnn.com/2020/09/01/health/coronavirus-vaccine-trials-early-fauci/index.html>

----- ***Related* - U.S. advisory group lays out detailed recommendations on how to prioritize Covid-19 vaccine**

(STAT) A new report that aims to prioritize groups to receive Covid-19 vaccine lays out detailed recommendations on who should be at the front of the line, starting with health care workers in high-risk settings, followed by adults of any age who have medical conditions that put them at significantly higher risk of having severe disease. Also toward the front of the line would be older adults living in long-term care homes or other crowded settings.

The draft [report](#), which runs 114 pages, was released Tuesday by the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine, which was [tasked with the work](#) by Francis Collins, director of the National Institutes of Health, and Robert Redfield, director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

The public comment period will be available until 11:59 p.m. ET on Friday, September 4, 2020. For additional information on how to submit comments, please visit

<https://www.nationalacademies.org/VaccineAllocationComment>

When Covid-19 vaccines are approved for use, [initial supplies will be tight](#) — potentially in the tens of millions of doses. Most of the vaccines under development will require two doses per person: a priming dose followed by a booster either three or four weeks later.

Full story: <https://www.statnews.com/2020/09/01/u-s-advisory-group-lays-out-detailed-recommendations-on-how-to-prioritize-covid-19-vaccine/>

Related - CDC letter tells states to be ready to distribute COVID-19 vaccine by November 1
November 1 is two days before the 2020 Presidential Election.

(ABC) The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is telling state governors to be ready to distribute the COVID-19 vaccine, as they may come as early as November 1.

The CDC sent a letter last week to governors from across the country asking public health officials to expedite any permit requests from vaccine distributors.

Redfield said in the letter that CDC is contracted with the McKesson Corporation to distribute the COVID-19 vaccine to "state and local health departments, medical facilities, doctor offices and other vaccine providers."

The letter was sent to health officials in all 50 states, ABC News reports.

ABC story <https://www.abcactionnews.com/news/coronavirus/cdc-letter-tells-states-to-be-ready-to-distribute-covid-19-vaccine-by-november-1>

Coronavirus Pandemic Response: FEMA Releases New Policy for Declarations

Today, FEMA released an interim policy to clarify eligible work under the Public Assistance program as part of the response to coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. The interim policy "[COVID-19 Pandemic: Work Eligible for Public Assistance](#)" is applicable to eligible applicants only and is exclusive to emergency and major disaster declarations for the COVID-19 pandemic. This policy applies to work performed on or after September 15, 2020.

The interim policy defines the framework, details and requirements for eligibility of work and costs under the Public Assistance Program to ensure consistent and appropriate implementation across all COVID-19 emergency and major disaster declarations. Only work associated with the performance of emergency protective measures specifically listed in this policy is eligible for Public Assistance in COVID-19-declared events.

The "[COVID-19 Resource Summary Report](#)" is a list of resources provided by the federal government since the start of the response to COVID and is designed to assist with recovery efforts. Partners should directly consult each agency's program information to verify the applicability of a resource.

Full press release: <https://www.fema.gov/press-release/20200901/coronavirus-pandemic-response-fema-releases-new-policy-declarations>

Studies, WHO back steroid use in very ill COVID-19 patients

(CIDRAP) JAMA today published the results of three randomized controlled trials spanning 12 countries, a prospective meta-analysis, and a commentary, all but one—which had inconclusive results—supporting the use of systemic corticosteroids in critically ill COVID-19 patients, regardless of age, sex, duration of symptoms before treatment, or the need for mechanical ventilation.

Safe, inexpensive, and widely available, corticosteroids like dexamethasone, hydrocortisone, and methylprednisolone are believed to treat COVID-19 by reducing lung inflammation in patients who require supplemental oxygen.

Read more: <https://www.cidrap.umn.edu/news-perspective/2020/09/studies-who-back-steroid-use-very-ill-covid-19-patients>

Masks with valves ineffective against Covid: Study

<https://news360.com/article/536801785>

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

- [COVID-19 Electronic Laboratory Reporting Implementation by State](#) Wednesday, September 2, 2020
- [Federal Register Notice: Temporary Halt in Residential Evictions to Prevent the Further Spread of COVID-19](#) Wednesday, September 2, 2020
- [Businesses and Workplaces](#) Wednesday, September 2, 2020
- [COVID-19 Forecasts: Hospitalizations](#) Wednesday, September 2, 2020
- [COVID-19 Contact Tracing Communications Toolkit for Health Departments](#) Wednesday, September 2, 2020
- [Previous Hospitalization Forecasts](#) Wednesday, September 2, 2020
- [Operating schools during COVID-19: CDC's Considerations](#) Tuesday, September 1, 2020
- [Children and Teens](#) Tuesday, September 1, 2020

This Sepsis Awareness Month Spreading the Word about Sepsis Is More Important Than Ever

September is Sepsis Awareness Month. This year also marks the third anniversary of [CDC's Get Ahead of Sepsis educational effort](#).

Each year, at least 1.7 million adults in America develop sepsis, and nearly 270,000 Americans die as a result. Anyone can get an infection, and almost any infection, including COVID-19, can lead to sepsis.

In these unprecedented times, it is vitally important for people to know how to prevent infections that can lead to sepsis and recognize the signs and symptoms of sepsis. This Sepsis Awareness Month, visit the [CDC's site](#) for free educational materials and spread the word about sepsis — you may save a life.

Now is also the perfect opportunity to **make sure your hospital is a member of the Kentucky Sepsis Consortium**. Members will work together toward standardization of early detection and timely treatment of sepsis through engagement in development of multidisciplinary teams to embrace improvement and collaborative learning. As a result of these efforts, participants will decrease sepsis-associated mortality, morbidity from sepsis and the incidence of hospital-onset sepsis.

Every member hospital chief executive officer is urged to send one of the signed Letters of Commitment for the Kentucky Sepsis Consortium (see below) to **Deb Campbell** at KHA (dcampbell@kyha.com).

- [Commitment Letter](#)
- [Commitment Letter for Electronic Signature](#)

Johns Hopkins: Health Security Headlines
Extracts from [September 2, 2020](#)

[Apple and Google Expand Coronavirus Warning Software](#) (*Washington Post*) Apple and Google said Tuesday they're expanding coronavirus warning software so that state health agencies can participate without having to create customized apps. The new option, called "exposure notifications express," removes one of the key barriers to adoption that led to a slow start to the software, which can warn people when they come in close contact with someone who has been diagnosed with the coronavirus. So far, only six U.S. states have created apps that work with Apple and Google's software.

[FEMA Says It Will Stop Paying For Cloth Face Masks For Schools](#) (*NPR*) The Federal Emergency Management Agency said it is changing the policy on the personal protective equipment that it will pay for. Federal officials announced the changes during a call Tuesday with state and tribal emergency managers, many of whom expressed concerns about the new policy.

[U.S. Won't Join WHO-Led Coronavirus Vaccine Effort, White House Says](#) (*NPR*) The Trump administration says the U.S. will not participate in a global push to develop a COVID-19 vaccine, in part because the effort is led by the World Health Organization, which the White House describes as "corrupt" and has accused of initially aiding China in covering up the scope of the pandemic.

[China is Ramping Up Nuclear and Missile Forces to Rival U.S., Pentagon Says](#) (*The Washington Post*) China is building up its nuclear and missile forces and is mobilizing vast resources to rival the Pentagon's, the Defense Department said in its annual report on Chinese military power, which concluded that the country's armed forces in certain areas had eclipsed the U.S. military.

UN says new polio outbreak in Sudan caused by oral vaccine

<https://news360.com/article/536801403>

WARNING! - Majority of Hurricane Laura Deaths Linked To Improper Use of Portable Generators (*NPR*) Eight of Louisiana's 15 hurricane-related deaths are linked to carbon monoxide poisoning from portable generators. As of Tuesday, many thousands of households in the state are still without power.

Learn more; <https://www.npr.org/2020/09/01/908515238/majority-of-hurricane-laura-deaths-linked-to-improper-use-of-portable-generators>

Protest groups planning demonstrations on Kentucky Derby Day

(WAVE) - Though Saturday's Kentucky Derby 146 will be run without spectators, it doesn't necessarily mean people will stay away from the racetrack.

Several protest groups are planning demonstrations on or near Churchill Downs on Derby Day.

Until Freedom, a national group based in New York City, took to social media on Sunday, posting a flyer for their Derby Day demonstration, called #NoDerby146. Until Freedom is not the only group expected to be in Louisville this weekend.

John Fitzgerald Johnson, otherwise known as Grandmaster Jay, [announced on Youtube](#) plans to lead his black militia group, the NFAC, through the city streets on Saturday. Back in July, the militia group came to Louisville and marched through downtown.

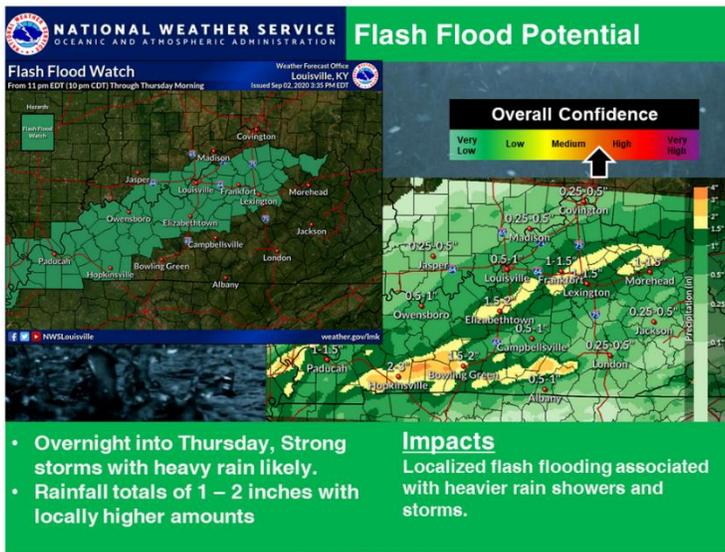
"If we don't get the truth, the whole truth, and the mother f*****g truth, then we will burn this mother f***** down," Johnson said at one point while talking to his supporters.

In response to Johnson's plan, a man who calls himself the [Angry Viking also took to social media](#). He's the leader of a 3 percenter group, who's also planning a counter-demonstration on Saturday. In his Youtube video, he calls on supporters to meet him at South Central Park at 8 a.m.

Read more: <https://www.wave3.com/2020/09/01/protest-groups-planning-demonstrations-kentucky-derby-day/>

Flooding and Heavy Rain in Forecast for Portions of KY

NWS Louisville: FLASH FLOOD WATCH IN EFFECT FROM 11 PM EDT /10 PM CDT, THIS EVENING THROUGH THURSDAY MORNING. This hazardous weather outlook is for portions of south central Indiana and Central Kentucky. Tonight, thunderstorms this evening will be capable of brief heavy rain and strong gusty winds, especially over southern Kentucky. Later tonight expect numerous storms to develop.



The main threats from these storms will be heavy rainfall, likely causing localized flash flooding especially across north central Kentucky and far southern Indiana. Thursday through Tuesday, thunderstorms will be possible early Thursday morning and again Thursday afternoon and evening. Gusty winds and locally heavy downpours will be the main threats.

NWS Paducah: There is a Flash Flood Watch in effect for portions of the area, generally south of a Poplar Bluff Missouri to Owensboro Kentucky line. Locally heavy rain and some flooding are possible.

Otherwise a few stronger thunderstorms may produce high wind gusts tonight, mainly across southeast Missouri into west Kentucky.

Thursday through Tuesday, there is a slight

chance of thunderstorms Thursday. The next chance for thunderstorms will be Monday night into Tuesday of next week.

NWS Jackson: Thunderstorms are expected tonight. Those locations which receive the most persistent shower and storm activity could see isolated flooding issues. Thursday through Tuesday, thunderstorms are expected at times Thursday and Friday. Torrential downpours are possible with any storms that occur, possibly leading to the threat of flooding in some locations. In addition, thunderstorms that occur each afternoon and evening could produce strong wind gusts. Thunderstorms will be possible again on Tuesday

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