



Kentucky Hospital Research & Education Foundation Emergency Preparedness Update for September 13, 2020

KY COVID-19 Update for Sunday

(From [press release](#)) Gov. Andy Beshear on Sunday 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. 13, Gov. Beshear reported that there are at least 56,945 cases in Kentucky, 536 of which were newly reported Sunday. Eighty-seven of the newly reported cases were from children ages 18 and younger, of which 24 were children ages 5 and under. The youngest was a 1-month-old from Barren County. Unfortunately, Gov. Beshear reported three new deaths Sunday, raising the total to 1,060 Kentuckians lost to the virus. As of today, there have been at least 990,957 coronavirus tests performed in Kentucky. The positivity rate currently stands at 4.14%. At least 10,905 Kentuckians have recovered from the virus.

Local health departments have become pandemic's main flak catchers, especially of social media

(KyForward News) Local health departments, often underfunded, have been critical during the pandemic in many ways, one as an information source for the public, journalists, and state and federal agencies. Grayson County Health has changed its approach because of threats.

"In a Facebook post on Aug. 1, staff at [Three Rivers District Health Department](#), which covers Carroll, Gallatin, Owen and Pendleton counties, wrote, "It is a real slap in the face to our exhausted folks to accuse us of deception'." [Lake Cumberland District Health Department](#) Director Shawn Crabtree told Acquisto, "People are often driven by misinformation... It's amazing how many people think I'm in some worldwide conspiracy."

Full story: <https://www.kyforward.com/local-health-departments-have-become-pandemics-main-flak-catchers-especially-of-social-media/>

Campers rescued from flash flood in Powell County

(WKYT) Three campers from West Virginia are safe Sunday after their truck was washed away by fast-moving water. According to a Facebook [post](#) from Powell County Search & Rescue, the group was camping at the Middle Fork Campground at Natural Bridge State Park Saturday night, when a park ranger told them they needed to move to higher ground due to a flash flood. They say the campers got in their pickup truck, and drove the wrong way into the swift water. The park ranger watched helplessly as the truck started to disappear beneath the water.

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Police officers in LA shot in an ambushed Deputies arrest reporter covering protest outside hospital

(LA Times) Los Angeles County sheriff's deputies arrested a public-radio reporter as she covered protests that had erupted outside a hospital where two deputies were being treated for gunshot wounds suffered Saturday evening [in an "ambush" attack](#).

The incident drew widespread condemnation from journalism organizations and prompted the sheriff's chief watchdog to launch an investigation.

The incident came a day after [sheriff's deputies in riot gear](#) surrounded a news conference being held by activists. The speakers were condemning the department's use of force against demonstrators who have been gathering regularly to protest [the killing of Dijon Kizzee](#) by deputies in South Los Angeles last month. At Friday's event, one sheriff's official grabbed a legal observer who had been filming him. When the news conference ended, the deputies ordered those attending, including reporters, to leave the area.

Full story: <https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2020-09-13/deputies-arrest-radio-reporter-covering-protest-outside-hospital>

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