



# Kentucky Hospital Research & Education Foundation Emergency Preparedness Update for September 21, 2020 – UPDATE-1

## **CDC Reverses itself – again...**

### **Says it erroneously posted guidance on corona virus spreading through air; traveling 6 ft+ Updated CDC guidance acknowledges coronavirus can spread through the air**

(CNBC) The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said Monday it erroneously posted guidance saying the coronavirus spreads through airborne particles that [can remain suspended in the air and travel beyond 6 feet](#).

The updated guidance, posted on the CDC’s website on Friday, also recommended that people use air purifiers to reduce airborne germs indoors to prevent the disease from spreading, according to Reuters.

“A draft version of proposed changes to these recommendations was posted in error to the agency’s official website,” the CDC said Monday. “CDC is currently updating its recommendations regarding airborne transmission of SARS-CoV-2 (the virus that causes COVID-19). Once this process has been completed, the update language will be posted.”

The update comes days after the [CDC reversed controversial coronavirus testing guidance](#) that said people who were exposed to an infected person but weren’t showing any symptoms did “not necessarily need a test.”

Many public health specialists criticized the CDC’s change in testing guidance in August for appearing to play down the significance of testing people who don’t have symptoms but who might be spreading the virus.

Studies have suggested the virus can spread through the air.

Full story: <https://www.cnn.com/2020/09/21/cdc-says-it-erroneously-posted-guidance-that-said-coronavirus-spreads-through-air-and-travel-beyond-six-feet.html>

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### **KY COVID-19 Update for September 21st**

New cases reported today 406. 67 under 19 years of age.

New deaths reported today: Only 1!

Positivity rate: 3.77%. 108 in ICU with 64 on vents.

Updated Press Release will be posted here this evening: <https://governor.ky.gov/news>

Link to KDPH - [KY COVID-19 Daily Report](#)

Schools (K-12) - [K-12 School Public Health Report](#)

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### **Ricin Letter Suspect Arrested**

Read more: <https://www.newser.com/story/296455/poison-letter-suspect-arrested.html>

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### **NETEC Webinars**

#### [COVID-19: Current State of the Pandemic](#)

**Friday, September 25, 2020 | Noon CT / 1:00 PM ET - [REGISTER HERE](#)**

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