



# Kentucky Hospital Research & Education Foundation Emergency Preparedness Update for September 23, 2020

## Louisville Mayor Declares “State of Emergency” Ahead of Expected Taylor Decision

(Courier-Journal today @ 10:50 AM) Kentucky Attorney General Daniel Cameron will be announcing the decision in the fatal shooting of 26-year-old Breonna Taylor by Louisville police this afternoon, USA Today/ The Courier Journal has learned.

LIVE UPDATES: [Louisville on the edge as potential Breonna Taylor announcement looms](#)

Story link: <https://www.courier-journal.com/story/news/local/breonna-taylor/2020/09/23/kentucky-attorney-general-announces-breonna-taylor-decision-wednesday/3502148001/>

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US DHS designates September 25th

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## U.S. health agency sets October 16 deadline for states to submit vaccine plans CDC Advisory Panel Delays Vote on Initial Covid-19 Vaccine Rollout

(Reuters) The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) on Tuesday set an Oct. 16 deadline for states to submit plans for distributing COVID-19 vaccines - even before it becomes clear when any will be available - according to a presentation to a panel of experts who make recommendations on U.S. vaccines. The plan is to take into account specific requirements, such as cold storage necessary for vaccines currently in late-stage clinical trials by Pfizer Inc and Moderna Inc. *[In addition to Pfizer and Moderna, AstraZeneca Plc has a vaccine in the final stage of testing. The U.S. trial of that vaccine remains on hold as a potential safety issue is investigated.]*

The Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP), a group of external medical experts that advises the CDC, had been expected to vote on Tuesday on which population groups should get scarce initial doses of any vaccine that receives approval or emergency use authorization from U.S. regulators.

A CDC spokeswoman said on Tuesday the vote would not take place, without providing a reason. The next panel meeting is scheduled for Oct. 28 and 29.

Once the U.S. Food and Drug Administration authorizes a vaccine, ACIP will call an emergency meeting to make specific recommendations on distribution priorities, according to ACIP panel member Dr. Beth Bell of the University of Washington.

When asked by a panel member how states could develop distribution plans by the October deadline, even before a specific vaccine is approved or authorized, Dr. Nancy Messonnier, director of the CDC's National Center for Immunization and Respiratory Diseases, said the aim was to be ready “on the first day we can actually distribute vaccines.”

Vaccine distribution is expected to occur in a phased manner, with healthcare personnel, essential workers, people with high-risk medical conditions and adults over age 65 likely to receive vaccines in the first phase, according to a meeting presentation here posted on the agency's website.

Read full report: <https://www.reuters.com/article/us-health-coronavirus-vaccine-cdc-idUSKCN26D1JD>

**Related WSJ Exclusive report:** <https://www.wsj.com/articles/cdc-advisory-panel-to-delay-vote-on-initial-covid-19-vaccine-roll-out-11600772401> (May require a subscription.)

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## FDA considering authorization rules that could push coronavirus vaccine past Election Day

Full CNN story: <https://www.cnn.com/2020/09/22/health/coronavirus-vaccine-fda-authorization-rules/index.html>

## After Aerosols Misstep, Former CDC Official Criticizes Agency Over Unclear Messaging

Read more: <https://www.npr.org/sections/coronavirus-live-updates/2020/09/22/915659465/after-aerosols-misstep-former-cdc-official-criticizes-agency-over-unclear-messag>

## Axios: The CDC's crumbling reputation

Learn more: <https://www.axios.com/newsletters/axios-vitals-41029e4f-0186-4bf0-8f6c-9e05b1a0aab4.html>

Governor Beshear Updates COVID-19 info for Tuesday

([From Press Release](#)) Gov. Andy Beshear on Tuesday updated Kentuckians on the state's continuing efforts to fight the novel coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19). As of 4 p.m. Sept. 22, Gov. Beshear said there were at least 62,731 coronavirus cases in Kentucky, 824 of which were newly reported Tuesday. One hundred and thirty-four of the newly reported cases were from children ages 18 and younger. Unfortunately, Gov. Beshear reported seven new deaths Tuesday, raising the total to 1,119 Kentuckians lost to the virus. The positivity rate was 4.52%, and at least 11,361 Kentuckians have recovered from the virus. To see all recent daily reports, [click here](#).

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**Fujifilm seeks government approval for a COVID-19 treatment  
that is said to speed up recovery**

*If granted, the drug will be one of the few government-approved treatment for the coronavirus.*

(Fortune) Japanese multinational and legendary camera-maker Fujifilm said on Wednesday that it will ask the Japanese government to approve its anti-influenza drug Avigan as a coronavirus treatment after a monthslong clinical trial showed the drug speeds up recovery for COVID-19 patients.

The study found that patients who received Avigan recovered in 11.9 days, compared to 14.7 days for patients in a placebo group. All the patients had mild cases of the illness.

"We have confirmed, in phase III clinical trial of Avigan in Japan, that the administration of Avigan to COVID-19 patients with non-serious pneumonia demonstrates shorter time resolution," Fujifilm Toyama Chemical said in a statement. Learn more: <https://fortune.com/2020/09/23/covid-19-treatment-drug-fujifilm-government-approval/>

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